



BEREAN
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

Jesus and His Family

Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35

Read Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35 together:

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³ And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

- ? What is the context of this passage?
- ? What has happened recently in Jesus' ministry?
- ? Why does Jesus' family come to him as he is healing the multitudes?
- ? What specifically do you think Jesus' family is worried about?

Love and serve your family and friends as people, not as projects.

- ? How does Jesus respond to his family's unbelief?
- ? What does Jesus teach his disciples in this exchange regarding his family?

Live as an example in all things.

- ? Does Jesus quit preaching and healing in response to his family's concerns?
- ? What can we learn from Jesus as he continues to do his father's will?

Pray without ceasing.

- ? I Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to pray without ceasing. How does Jesus model this command?
- ? What parallels can you draw between this passage and the response you receive from unbelieving family and friends?

Don't you dare give up. Live with hope.

- ? Read Psalm 139:16b. What does this passage tell us about God's knowledge of and plan for every person?

Application:

- ? Are you praying for the salvation of a loved one? Keep praying. Invite your Christian brothers and sisters to join you!