

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What was your birth order and how did that affect you growing up?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Jesus has just chosen His 12 disciples and everything He does and says is part of training these disciples. In this passage, Jesus was inside a house, talking with a group of people seated in a circle around Him. Jesus’ mother and brothers came, wanting Jesus to stop and come out to them.¹

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 3:31-35**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - Someone read verses 20-21. What was motivating Jesus’ mother and brothers?
 - How do you think they may have felt when Jesus didn’t immediately stop and go with them?
 - How were the people sitting around Jesus “doing the will of God”?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - By His example, what was Jesus teaching His disciples about the priority of “doing the will of God”?
 - What are some priorities you have changed in order to do God’s will?
 - How does it make you feel to know that in Jesus’ kingdom, the King relates to His subjects as His brothers and sisters and mother?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

** Reading from different translations often helps.

¹ Jesus’ brothers’ names: see Matthew 13:55-56