

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THY KINGDOM COME

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss who Jesus is. Recognize that Jesus's reign in our lives calls for our ultimate allegiance. Discuss the areas of life, including religious assumptions and family, that get in the way from giving Jesus our full allegiance.

ICE BREAKER



Who is someone you consider family even though they aren't legally or blood related? How did your relationship grow to be like this?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Mark 3:20-35 ESV

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."

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸ "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰ for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

(Turn to the ESV Bible to continue reading verses 31-35)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Jesus' reign calls for our ultimate allegiance

Key Question: How does Jesus compel us towards commitment to himself?

1. By challenging our religious assumptions. (vv. 22-30)
2. By reorienting our family loyalty. (vv. 20-21, 31-35)

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DISCUSSION



- In this week's passage we see that Jesus' following has grown and that many are skeptical about his teachings and power (vv.20-22). What were people saying about Jesus in this passage and what do you hear people say about Jesus today?
- This teaching challenges us to answer the question, "who do you think Jesus is?" When we profess Jesus as the forgiver for our sins (v.29) and ultimate Messianic King, we must acknowledge that his reign requires our ultimate allegiance to him! Besides Jesus, what are things in our culture that call for our allegiance? How can those impact or affect our relationship with God?
- In verses 23-27 Jesus challenges the assumptions the religious scribes made about him with truth. What false religious assumptions have you believed and how has Jesus and the truth of God's word challenged those beliefs?
- Jesus turns the idea of family upside down in verses 31-35. Our commitment to Jesus often changes our family dynamics. How has following Jesus impacted your relationship with your family? Have you felt any tension between the two in a particular area of your life? If so, in what area?
- Jesus introduces the idea of "spiritual family" in verse 35 as those who do the will of the Father (God). How have you experienced spiritual family? What impact has it had on you? How can we, as spiritual family, continue to obey God together?

LIFE APPLICATION



What would it look like for you to live a life of ultimate allegiance to Jesus? What are the obstacles standing in your way? Share how you will respond to what God has taught you from this week's passage.

Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


