

The Gospel of Mark

Scripture: Mark 3:31-35

Also: Also: Mark 10:45; Genesis 3; Romans 8:15; 2 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 10:37; Galatians 3:26-28; John 3:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:2; Acts 13:22; Romans 12:2; Psalm 37:4; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 7:19.

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. Read Mark 3:31-35.
 3. The way Jesus talked about His family could seem dismissive and disrespectful toward them. However, He was speaking from the reality of the family of God and the perspective of ordering our loves.
 - What do you think of the idea of ordering our loves?
 - Have you seen people's lives be out of order (according to Jesus' ordering)?
 - If so, what did that look like?
 - According to Jesus, can we love our kids too much? Our spouse?
 - What results have you seen from people putting their spouse or kids ahead of God?
 - What is the remedy for loving someone or something more than God?
 4. Many people think "doing" the right things makes you right with God. Given what Jesus says in this passage about "doing the will of God", how would you explain to a friend that the Bible teaches that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus rather than obedience?
 5. The statement was made in the sermon that "Obedience is not the root of your salvation. Obedience is the fruit of your salvation."
 - Do you think that is true? Why or why not?
 - How do you aim for this fruit, without making fruit the aim?
 6. How does the following statement impact you?
 - "The Psalmist isn't saying to us that if you come to Christ all your desires of your heart will come true. He's saying when you come to Christ, all the desires of your heart will be made new."
- ***What can you do this week to remind yourself of Jesus' gift of a place in His family?***