

Small Group Discussion Guide

Fixing a Feuding Family

Icebreaker:

- What is one thing about your family you would like to change? What wouldn't you want to change?

Read: Mark 3:20-35

1. Why did Jesus' family think he was out of his mind?

2. If you were in Jesus' shoes, what would be the hardest for you to handle?

a) *not getting to eat* b) *my family thinking I was crazy* c) *rejection by religious authorities* d) *accusations of being possessed*

3. In referring to the crowd, why did Jesus say, "here are my mother and my brothers!"?

a) *his spiritual family was as important as his natural family* b) *he was teaching the crowd they could belong to the family of God* c) *other*

4. Which statement best describes your relationship with your family?

a) *there's a lot of love and acceptance* b) *there's some tension* c) *we have problems but we are trying to work them out* d) *other*

5. How can you improve your relationship with your family? With the family of God?

6. How can this group pray for you this week?