

STUDY GUIDE



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FAMILY DRAMA **10.31.21**

[set up]

What are a few things you enjoy most about your family?

What is something that is challenging for you about being in your family?

[digging deeper]

Read Mark 3:20-21, 31-34 in the ESV.

Read Mark 3:20-21, 31-34 in another version (like the NIV, the Message, the New Living Translation, the Amplified Bible, or the Living Bible)

Ask someone in the group to share the truths in the passage in his or her own words. (The rest of the group can fill in any gaps that may be missing.)

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about God?"

Ask, "What does this passage tell us about ourselves?"

Assign individual members of the group to read a few of the following passages one at a time. After they read the passage, ask them to respond to the question, "What stands out to you in this passage about the challenges of following Jesus in a family where following Jesus is not valued?" Choose 5-7 passages from this list: Matthew 10:22, Matthew 10:35-37, Matthew 19:29, Luke 14:26, John 15:18, John 15:25, John 3:19, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Matthew 5:10-12, 1 Peter 4:12-14.

Ask, "What price do we pay if we choose to run from the ridicule and shame of following Jesus?"

(over)

[living it out]

Title a Giant Post-it “Witnessing to my family.” Divide the post in half. On one side, write “Don’t’s.” On the other side, write “Do’s.” Brainstorm a list of 5-7 Don’t’s and 5-7 Do’s. Ask, “Which of these did you most need to be reminded of? What steps can you take to be a better witness? (Note: In some families, every member of the family may have made a profession of faith in Christ.)

Ask, “What steps do you need to take to embrace the ridicule and shame?”

Ask, “What steps do you need to take to identify with your forever family?” (See Mark 3:34.)

Ask, “What steps do you need to take to focus on pleasing your Father?” (See Mark 3:35.)

Ask everyone in the group to craft an “I will...” statement in response to what God is saying to them. Ask each person to share that statement with the group.

Pair up for closing prayer. Ask each person to pray that God will enable their prayer partner to fulfill their “I will” statement. (Include praying for one another’s family members who are far from God. Also, pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers from within CVC to help more and more people come to know Christ.