

Sermon Notes – October 5, 2014

“Family Ties” Mark 3:31-35 Pastor Bill Hoffman

Jesus ministry has just begun and it is likely that until this time he had lived at home with his mother and siblings.

- Why are they coming to see Jesus (see verses 20-21)?
- How would you have heard Jesus' words here if you were part of his family? If you were one of his disciples?

How do you reconcile the tension that can arise between responding to the needs and desires of your family versus doing the same for other people in your life?

Have you ever experienced family-like relationships among people with whom you shared a common vision, passion, and goal?

What is it about a church community that has especially great potential for such relationships; and what holds churches back from becoming more like families?

Jesus says that doing God's will is what makes people part of his family.

- What does this entail?
- What encouragement can you draw for doing God's will from: the witness of sisters and brothers in Christ from around the world?
- What we remember and celebrate in the Lord's Supper?