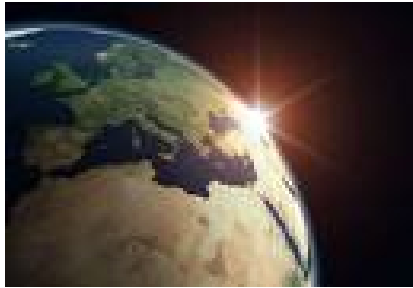


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Mark 3:20-35

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of Challenge
Rev. John Sowers

There's Good News for the world . . .



(Describe why being loyal to Jesus above all else is good news.)

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.
Mark 3:35

Tell about a time you did something radical or "crazy." How did the people around you respond?

READ Mark 3:20-35

There are 3 different responses to Jesus' actions described in this passage of scripture. Read each verse(s) and answer the following questions for each.

1. 3:21
2. 3:22
3. 3:34-35

Who is responding to Jesus in each case?
What has Jesus been doing that is drawing their attention?
Describe their response.
What is motivating their response to Jesus' actions?
Describe a situation in your life when you have reacted similarly.

What issue in your life are you most concerned about this week? What does it look like to trust and submit to Jesus' authority in regard to this issue? How do verses 23-30 help you discern what to trust as Jesus' authority?

How do you define loyalty?
Take some time to fill in the lines in the left column.
Discuss what you wrote.
What helps you keep a well-ordered life so that loyalty to Jesus is primary?
In what ways do you struggle with keeping loyalty to family in proper order with loyalty to Jesus?

What does it mean to you to be called the brother or sister of Jesus? Is it easy or difficult for you to grab on to this role?

In what way are you specifically being challenged to make a change so you are doing God's will?

PRAY TOGETHER!