

MESSAGE NOTES

My52: IDENTITY CRISIS: Finding Who I Am Through the Eyes of Jesus
Chapter 10: How Do You Get In Jesus's Inner Circle

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Who you were connected ____ determined who you _____.

What you ____ doesn't determine _____ you are.

What you do doesn't determine who you are ... but

When you discover _____ you are, it determines everything you _____.

Mark 3:6

Mark 3:20-21

Mark 3:31-35

Jesus redefines _____ by defining how we can be part of the family of God.

Jesus is saying:

- My family is not defined by those that _____ Me.
- My family is defined by those who _____ Me.

So what is the _____ of God?

- God's Will = God's plan for you to experience _____ life.
- SURRENDER
- _____
- OBEY

Surrender - Luke 9:23

Trust - Proverbs 3:5-6

Jesus prays, "Not My will ... but _____ be done."

Obey - Micah 6:8

Jesus didn't say, "Anyone who _____ the will of My Father ..."

He said, "Anyone who _____ the will of My Father will be part of this family ..."

_____. Are. _____!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 8, 2026

OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

- 1) How do you define your relationship with your family?
- 2) Was there ever a time where you had to prioritize one relationship over another? If you feel comfortable, share with your group.

BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

- 1) Read Mark 3:13-22. What did Jesus's family think about Him? What did the Pharisees think about Him?

Does this passage change how you view Jesus's response in Mark 3:31-35?

- 2) Jesus says, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." What does this reveal about how Jesus defines belonging in the Kingdom of God?

How does being part of Jesus's "family" provide both responsibility and security?

- 3) Read Ephesians 2:14-17. Paul is talking about the wall of hostility between the Gentiles and the Jews. Where do you see "walls of hostility" in your sphere of influence (family, work, church, culture)?

In verse 16, what is God's solution to this hostility between the Jews & Gentiles?

What would it look like to apply that same solution to the walls you identified?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

- 1) In what ways do you tend to define yourself first – career, relationships, family role, church involvement, achievements?

What would it look like for obedience to God's will to become your primary identity marker?

- 2) Take the Challenge: Find a friend that doesn't attend any church and ask them, "Hey, can I get your opinion on something? If you ever decided to go to church, what would make you feel like you were welcome there?" Share your answers with your group next week!