

SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Text: Mark 3:20-25

Purpose of Discussion: To help us as we rediscover what it means to have Christian community and to grow as a family

Introduction:

- What if you were Mary and Jesus refused to let you take charge of him, how might you feel? Remember any other times Jesus told his mother, “No”?
- How long did it take Jesus to decide that the situation was bigger than his mother, Mary, and his siblings? Why do you think he made the decision so very quickly?

Getting Into the Text:

Read Mark 3:20-35

- Why did some attribute the work of Jesus to Satan or Beelzebub?
- Why does their accusation not make any sense to Jesus? How does he reply to their accusation?
- Is the issue on the table a kingdom of God question or a Kingdom of man question?
- Give any hunches for why Jesus was not going outside to let Mary and his siblings take charge of him. What are some of the clues for your answer?
- How might it be possible for the people present with Jesus to be His mother and his siblings?
- What does this text have to do, if anything, with the sermon title: God has no Grandchildren!

Taking it Home:

- What does it mean to you to be able to call God your Father?
- How may we express God’s love to others if we are brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Did the retreat re-enforce how the gospel has to do with our relationships with one another? Whether you were on the retreat or not, how may you handle your relationship differently now at home, at work, at play, in God’s kingdom?
- Is there anyone that you know that is longing for a “Christian community”? How might our SHARE Group reach out to them?