



July 9 – 15

More Than | Jesus or your family?

Icebreaker: Have you experienced division in your family over your faith in Jesus? What is at the root of this division?

Read Matthew 10:34–39

- What is your first reaction to reading this passage?
- For the time being, setting aside the more difficult language Jesus uses here, what is his main point?
- Glance at the rest of Chapter 10. Who is Jesus speaking to? What are they about to do? What is Jesus trying to do for them with what he teaches here?
- Look up Micah 7:5–7
 - Jesus is quoting from this passage. Micah writes about Jerusalem being besieged by the Assyrians. Things become so desperate during that siege, that family members began to turn on one another.
 - How is the situation for the disciples analogous to a people under siege? How does this help us understand why Jesus speaks about the potential conflict with family members when it comes to following him?
 - In Micah 7:7, where does the author turn in time of desperate need? What does this tell us about what Jesus is asking of his followers?
- What did the disciples face from their families because they followed Jesus?
- What are some ways you have seen families divided over Jesus?
- If you have experienced division in your family because of your faith, talk about how this has affected you and your willingness to follow Jesus.
- Why is it necessary for people to be found worthy of Jesus? How can we as sinful people ever be worthy of him? What do our love for him and our sacrifices for him demonstrate to a watching world?
- What does it mean to take up our cross and follow him? (see also Matthew 16:24)
- Look up Mark 10:28–30
 - How is the Mark passage related to what Jesus says here in the Matthew passage?
 - What does Jesus promise? What does this tell us about what family looks like for a Christian?
- We all have things in our lives that we are tempted to love more than Jesus. What is that for you?
- Thinking about how you use money and time, what are daily choices you can make to elevate Jesus above all other things in your life?

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