



## Session 6

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### Big Idea:

The family of Jesus is both radically inclusive and exclusive at the same time.

### GROUP OPENER

What are some of the competing messages about family that you hear in culture right now?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read [Mark 10:19](#), [Mark 3:32-35](#) and [John 2:1-12](#) Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement...*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

### As a Group

The modern world seems to lean in two ways. Either wanting to dismantle the traditional family or to worship the traditional family. Jesus gives honor and value to the family while prioritizing faithfulness to God above the family.

Do you see Jesus's vision of family as both radically inclusive and exclusive at the same time?

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul explains how we have been adopted into an eternal family.

### Ephesians 2:18-20

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

What is challenging about Paul's words?  
What is encouraging about Paul's words?

How can you lean into Jesus' paradigm of family this week?

### On Your Own

In what way this week can you honor your father and mother?