



## THE GOSPEL OF

# MARK



## JESUS CAME TO SERVE

### INTRODUCTION:

Pastor Bruce mentioned how divided and offended our culture can be. He used the exaggerated example of favorite ice cream flavors and toppings. Let's see how your group handles the conversation! What's your favorite ice cream flavor and topping, and what's the most offensive ice cream flavor and topping to you?

### THESIS:

Jesus was misunderstood by relatives, friends, and religious people. Misunderstanding Jesus has adverse consequences for you and those you influence. In contrast, those who seek to do the will of God and believe in Him, are likened to Jesus' family, and have the opportunity to enjoy family life. Let's discover how Jesus confronts misconceptions, and the benefits of living like a family in Christ

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Read sections #1 and 2 in the Study Guide related to Jesus being misunderstood by family, friends and religious people. What do you find interesting, confusing or noteworthy?
- Imagine the scene, when those who gathered around Jesus heard Him say, "You are my family!"? [34.] How do you think they may have felt?
- As you contemplate the "family of God" what values, attitudes and actions might be important to Christians?
- How would you like to apply this lesson to your life in this coming season?

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR:

Neighboring Idea: **Invite family members to attend or watch the service with you and discuss their thoughts and your hopes for family.**

- How have you loved your neighbors inside the group this week?
- How have you loved your neighbors outside of your group this week?

### PRAYER:

- Praise God that He has brought you and your group members into the same family.
- Pray for those family relationships that have been strained because of their misunderstanding of your relationship with God.
- Pray for those that you have relationship with who do not know Jesus to be sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that we would be seeking the will of God this week and obedient to what He calls us to.

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