

# Sermon Notes

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## True Family

Matthew 12:46-50

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Jesus turns a situation into a teachable moment

Jesus establishes His followers as His true family, and prioritized them

We, the church, are family, brothers and sisters in Christ

This does not mean we should neglect our blood family

Love / respect your spouse

Honor your father and mother

Disciple your kids

Share Christ with non-believers, including family

If our blood family members don't trust Christ, it creates conflicts

Our truly deep relationships should be with those whom we have Christ and His values in common

Prioritize relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ

Take action:

Time

Communication

Celebrate together

Over to your house

Help when in need

Serve

Meet

Assess the position your blood family has in your life

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

Suggested reading: Ephesians chapters 5 & 6

Memorization: Matthew 12:50

## Application questions for 12-22-13 sermon

### Matthew 12:46-50

Prior to this Sunday's sermon, which of the following would you say was your perspective:

- Blood family is the number one most important thing
- Spiritual/church family, brothers and sisters in Christ, are as important as or more important than blood family

If you say the second has been your perspective, how has it played out in your life?

If you said the first has been your perspective, do you now accept the second?

What have you concluded you need to do to prioritize spiritual family in your life?

Is there any way that the place your blood family has in your life gets in the way of spiritual family being the priority it should be?

The point was made that we shouldn't neglect our blood family, and that we still need to live out biblical teachings to love/respect our spouse, love and disciple our kids, honor our parents. Did you get that clearly, or do you have questions about that?

How might you be in relationship with your non-believing family, to witness Christ to them, without them being your closes, most intimate relationships?

Is there any way you may need to put some boundaries between you and blood family because they are bad for you?

Is there some blood family, who aren't believers and/or who you don't share the same values with, who you have been too close to, and it is not good?

Bonus:

How do you honor your parents? How might you honor your parents, while needing to protect yourself and maybe your kids from your parents?