

**Discussion Questions - 4/30/23**  
Jesus' Family in Conflict - Mark 3

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- Why does Jesus call 12 disciples?
  - What is significant about that number?
  - What is the lesson the church can learn from the fact that Mark mentions “Judas, who betrayed Jesus” in the list?
  - What does this teach us about discipleship to Jesus in the church community?
- In what ways does Jesus' followers have conflict with evil?
  - Why is this controversial?
  - How does this conflict shape our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus' today?
- How has being a part of Jesus' family by doing his will affected your relationships, your career, your calling?
  - Historically and globally, what are ways that Jesus' followers suffered for doing his will?
  - What can we learn from the examples of other believers in this regard in our context?