Grace Groups Homework

"*The Family of Christ*"

Mark 3:31–35 5 August 2018

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are some strong family traits in your family?

WORLDVIEW

2. Despite all the revelation that Mary was given of who her Son was, our text portrays her as stumbling in her faith. Do real Christians ever stumble in their faith? How might the parable of the sower in 4:1–9 (and its interpretation in vv. 10–20) inform your answer to this question?

GOING DEEPER

3. Are there pitfalls in your life where you realise that you aren't seeking Jesus for Jesus, but rather external reasons?

4. Why do you think God seems to like to save families? Where do we see this in Scripture? How is the spiritual family a tool in the salvation of physical families?

5. Discuss the tensions that might arise between one's physical family and one's spiritual family. What kind of loyalties might conflict?

6. Consider the importance of the spiritual family of God especially for those who are in broken families. What responsibilities should the church embrace for such?

7. Christ decisively includes sisters in his family. Discuss and listen as your sisters share their unique challenges and frustrations in historical marginalisation of women in ministry. How can we work better together as "sacred siblings"? Are there areas of development and growth we need to be aware of in the role of women in the church?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.