

# The (True) Family of God

Matthew 12:46-50

<sup>46</sup> While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. <sup>48</sup> But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

**Setting** – the conclusion of a major conflict over the identity of Jesus:

<sup>30</sup> *Whoever is not with me is against me ... (12:30)*

How will you \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus?

*The Pharisees ...*

*The general public ...*

*The disciples\* ...*

And now, the interruption by Jesus' family provides the perfect opportunity for a **memorable lesson**:

*"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"*

**His family ...**

... is \_\_\_\_\_

*in \_\_\_\_\_*

*in \_\_\_\_\_*

*in \_\_\_\_\_*

... is \_\_\_\_\_

*It necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ the natural design of family.*

... is \_\_\_\_\_

*Who doesn't want and need this?*

**So many implications ...**

For understanding my truest \_\_\_\_\_ ...

For prioritizing my \_\_\_\_\_ ...

For rightly viewing the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*Membership*

*Ministry*

*Evangelism*

*Discipleship*

*Discipline*

For \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ well ...