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## Family Ties Matthew 12:46-50 Rev. Joseph Adams

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

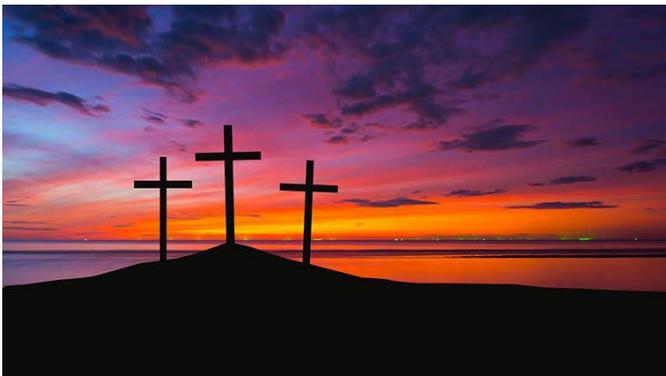
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

# Family Ties

This week Reverend Joseph Adams from God's Household of Faith will share with us from Matthew 12:46-50. In this passage Jesus' mother and brothers come looking for Him. Jesus' response seems to redefine the definition of our family. There is no doubt that God values family. But in this passage Jesus starts to define family differently than most of us would define family. How does Jesus want us to define family? What does it mean for us to be family to each other?



## **Matthew 12:46-50 (NIV)**

### **Jesus' Mother and Brothers**

<sup>46</sup> While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. <sup>47</sup> Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

<sup>48</sup> He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"<sup>49</sup> Pointing to 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."

### **o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. What are the main points of Matthew 12:46-50?

9. Where were Jesus' mother and brothers are standing?

10. Why were Jesus' family members looking for Him?

11. Jesus asked, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" How did Jesus then answer His own question?

12. Were there only Jesus' twelve disciples who could be His mother and His brothers? How do you know?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What can families do to build strong relationships with Jesus?

14. What can we do to remove our deep desire to put human family relationships first?

15. What does it look like to put your relationship and fellowship with Jesus first above your marriage and all other relationships? How does that make your family strong?

16. Put into words what it means to you personally to be adopted into the blended family of God and to be called a child of God.

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES