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Living Water: Thicker than Blood

Mark 3:31-35

The terms for following Christ are remarkably simple and radically unyielding. Our cost is everything...every _____, every _____, every possession, every concern. We surrender it all to His Lordship.

Discussion 1. Are there any particular relationships, dreams, ambitions, fears, or other concerns that have seemed particularly difficult for you to fully surrender to God?

Christ followers commit to making their identity in _____ the most important identity in our life. And then we spend the rest of that life processing what that must mean for all our other important identities, i.e., family, ethnicity, vocation, etc.

Discussion 2. Behind your identity in Christ, what other identities are secondary but nonetheless important to you (think family, ethnicity, nationality, education, vocation, etc.)? How do you keep them secondary to Christ?

Following Christ is not a call away from the unbelieving world. Indeed, it almost always presses us back out into those friendships. But it should change which relationships we permit to _____.

Discussion 3. What relationships in your life influence you most? Can you think of how your “influencing” relationship shifted when you became a Christian?

Following Christ includes entering into community with others who are following Him. The spiritual bond that holds us together is the desire to _____ Together.

Discussion 4. “Knowing and doing the will of God” remains one of the hottest topics of discussion among Christians today. Why do you think that is? Do your Christian friends help you know and do the will of God? How does that work for you?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?