

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS— MARK 3:20-30

BLASPHEMING THE SPIRIT

In this Gospel episode, Jesus encountered two different responses to His ministry. His family thought he was out of His mind, and the scribes believed He was possessed. What is your response to Jesus?

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 3:20-21. What did Jesus' family think of Him and His ministry? _____

Read Mark 3:23-30. How did Jesus respond to the scribes' accusation? What is the significance of His response? _____

What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit? _____

Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit an "eternal sin" (v. 29)? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you have family members who are actively serving in ministry? If so, are you a help or a hindrance to them in their ministry? _____

Are you concerned that you have committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Why? _____

What is your attitude toward Jesus and His ministry? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How can you encourage your family members to be engaged in ministry? _____

Does it help you to understand that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a fixed attitude of hard-heartedness and not one-time action? If so, how? _____

How can you develop a more accurate understanding of Jesus and His ministry? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

What actions will you commit to this week to encourage your family members in ministry? _____

How will you commit to developing a more repentant and faithful response to Jesus this week? _____