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[re]framed: Community as Family Mark 3:31-34

Jesus calls his disciples to function as **a family**.

Background: Strong Group Culture v. Weak Group Culture

- In a CHURCH a person perceives himself to be a member of the CHURCH and is responsible to the CHURCH for his or her actions, career, development, and life in general. The individual person is embedded in the CHURCH and is free to do what they want or like only if in accordance with CHURCH norms and only if the action is in the best interest of the CHURCH. The CHURCH has priority over the individual.

Jesus' vision for the church is not a **building** or **organization**. It is a **family**.

Basic practices of a healthy family

1. **Eat** together.
Acts 2:46 / Luke 7:34 / Luke 22:15 / Ecclesiastes 7:9 / 1Corinthians 11:25-26
2. Does **life** together.
Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35
3. Loving & affectionate to each other.
2 Corinthians 13:11-12 / 1 Peter 5:14 / Philippians 1:8
4. Hold one another **accountable**.
1 Corinthians 5 / Matthew 18 / 2 Corinthians 3 / Titus 3 / 2 Thessalonians 3
5. Shares **resources**.
1 John 3:17 / Hebrews 13:16 / Philippians 2:4 / Proverbs 22:9
6. Shares **responsibilities**.
Ephesians 4:28 / 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
7. Bares one another's **burdens**.
Galatians 6:2 / Colossians 3:13 / Ephesians 4:2
8. **Commissions** one another.
Matthew 28 / Acts 13 / 2 Timothy 2-4
9. Is faithful unto death.
Matthew 25:23 / John 15:13 / 1 John 2:24 / 2 Timothy 3:14-17