

Dear parents,

We're continuing our series focusing on the theme "Building Relationships" By studying different Scripture passages, students are discovering the eternal value of relationships with God and with one another. In this second lesson, we explored Matthew 12:46-50, where Jesus' teaching is interrupted by the arrival of his mother and brothers, who want to speak to him. Jesus uses this opportunity to invite the crowd to become part of his heavenly family by saying, "Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"

This week, we hope you'll consider spending a few minutes talking with your teenager about our lesson. You can build your conversation around one or all of these questions:

- If Jesus had pointed to you in a crowd and called you his family member, what thoughts would have raced through your mind, and why?
- Our relationship with Jesus transcends time and space because it's eternal. Knowing that Jesus invites you into an eternal relationship, how can your love for him change the way you value your relationships here on earth?
- Jesus invites us to care for and love each other just as he loves us. What does it look like to love someone the way Jesus loves them?

Thanks for all your prayers for our students and our ministry. Have a great week!

Small Group Leaders