



# Series: Rejected

## “Family Facades”

Week of May 22, 2022

### Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Read the Mark 3 verses. Jesus didn't follow the right rules and He did not follow their preconceived ideas of how one should operate. Because of this, His family and the Jewish leaders rejected Him (but for different reasons). Family, because they wanted to rescue Him; the leaders because they wanted to kill Him. They thought He was out of His mind. What do you think of their reactions to Jesus in these verses?
2. The religious leaders had reduced this loving, wonderful, creative God down to a set of rules you follow rather than someone you have relationship with. Do you know people who reduce relationship with Jesus to a set of rules? If so, how would you describe they way they interact with others? What adjectives would you use?
3. Making it more personalized: have you ever rejected Jesus in your life because He didn't meet your preconceived notions? How did you overcome that?
4. Jesus was obsessed with people being reconnected to God. Jesus teaches by His actions and His parables that everyone is welcome and everyone is invited. Reflect on this for a moment. How does that make you feel about you and Jesus' relationship given that you fall in the category of “everyone”?
5. Jesus wasn't concerned about making people comfortable. He was more concerned about our calling than our comfort. Why do you think that is?
6. When you start living out this Jesus life people may start saying the same things about you, that you are out of your mind since you live in a way that may be counter to prevailing culture. How do you feel about this?
7. How can we pray for each other this week?

NOTE: CGL, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session.

#### Main Idea

***Jesus was obsessed with people being re-connected to God. He teaches by His actions and His parables that everyone is welcome and everyone is invited into a relationship with Him.***

#### Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:***  
***Mark 2:16; 3:19-22***  
***Mark 2:5***  
***Romans 5:8***  
***Luke 14:12-14***  
***Acts 1:14***

#### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*