

# TALK OUTLINE

**SERIES TITLE:** More than a night

**TALK TITLE:** It's a Family

INSIDEOUT STUDENTS

**WEEK OF SERIES:** Week 3 of 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 12:46-50 / Romans 10:13

**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus didn't come to gather crowds,

He came to build a family



## **CONNECTION**

Series Re-cap this far... We've been learning about how InsideOut isn't just a night, it's more than that. It's a lifestyle. What we do here is meant to affect our lives and how we treat people out there or else this is all FAKE. We also learned that it's not just a night for us, but it's a movement that's meant to spread to others so they can experience what we've experienced. And tonight we're going to talk about one more thing in this series and if this is your first time with us, you picked a great night to be here.

So to get things started, have you ever been dissed by someone in front of other people? Like someone totally threw shade on you and made you look like a fool?  
(personal example)

## **TENSION**

It's the worst. It's embarrassing, hurtful, frustrating, etc. You feel stupid, you feel isolated and alone. I hate when people do that.

I bring it up because tonight we're gonna look at story of an awful diss and surprisingly enough it involves Jesus. Lets check it out...

## **TRUTH**

<sup>46</sup> While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. <sup>47</sup> Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

<sup>48</sup> He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"<sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers."<sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Yooooo, what's up with Jesus here? Why's he being such a savage? I thought Jesus was always nice. I thought He was all holding lambs and kissing babies and stuff like that. Why's he disrespecting his family like this? Seems kinda harsh doesn't it? Was Jesus trying to be hurtful or was there something else going on here?

What if I told you that Jesus wasn't trying to diss or demote his family, but rather He was actually promoting everyone else who was listening that day. What if I told you he wasn't trying to put down his family, but instead he's trying to raise up others in the crowd. His words weren't meant to hurt or exclude his family they were to invite and extend his family! Jesus was letting everyone know that God has a Family and each of them have been invited to be a part of it!

You see with the number of people that always seemed to surround Jesus it'd be easy to think he just came to gather crowds, but right here Jesus gives us a little insight into the truth that he didn't just come to gather crowds, He came to build Family. And that's what we want to be about as well, not just gathering a crowd for a night, but growing a family that loves, supports,

challenges and encourages one another! For us, Insideout isn't a just a crowd of people, we're a family!

## **APPLICATION**

Now if God's building a family and inviting people to be a part of it, there are some questions you might have about it, some questions I've definitely asked before that I want to help us answer...

### **What's it like?**

Great question. You might have a great family you might have a not so great family. Maybe when you think family it comes with positive thoughts and emotions or maybe when you think of family all that comes to mind is dysfunction and hurt. And so a question you might find yourself asking is, if God's got a family what's it like? If you look through the new testament, the accounts of Jesus' life and the letters to the churches that popped up after his resurrection, you'll get a good idea of what this family is like. A few things I've noticed in my own reading about God's family...

- It's inclusive
- It's diverse
- It's loving
- It's supportive
- It's challenging
- It's encouraging
- It's Real/Authentic

Doesn't that sound like something you'd want to be a part of? I mean who doesn't want to have people in their lives that know them, believe in them, are their for them when they are down, cheer for them when they succeed, challenge them when they are off-track, and love them no matter what!?!? That's the family of God. That's what Jesus come to build. That's what he was inviting this crowd to get in on and what we want every single one of you to be a part of as well.

So the next question is...

### **Who's invited?**

I mean, if God's got this amazing family and Jesus wants more people to get in on it, then what kind of people is He looking for? Is this family just for church people? Is it just for "good kids"? Is it just for a certain kind of person? I mean who's invited to be a part of this family that God is building?

A guy named Paul, who wrote a lot of the new testament of the bible and invited a TON of people into the family of God, answered that question for us in one of his letters called Romans.

Romans 10:13 "...**Everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

Did you catch that? Did you see who is invited to be a part of God's family...EVERYONE. We're all invited to be a part of this family that God is building. Regardless of who you are, where your from or what you've done, you're invited. Regardless of your struggles or your doubts, you're

invited to the family. Regardless of the color of your skin, the language you speak, your political preference, or sexual orientation, YOU ARE INVITED to join the family of God.

### **How do I get in?**

Finally, you might be asking, well ok how do I get in on this family? Paul actually answered it in the verse we just read, he said Everyone who calls on the name of The Lord. How do you get in? You simply start following Jesus. You don't have to change all of your behaviors or clean yourself up. You don't have to pass a test or perform a ritual. You've just gotta start following Jesus. When you say yes, he adopts you, invites you in and makes you a part of his family. A son or a daughter. God himself is your father and you are now a part of the most amazing family that's ever existed.

(some of you have never known you were invited to be a part of God's family, some of you have never said yes to the invitation, you can do that tonight. You're invited to be a part of this family if you want to be, the choice is yours, and all you've gotta do is say yes to the invitation and start following Jesus!)

In closing, you might have heard about this place or seen it before and thought it was just an event, a big party, or a large group but I want you to know that we're not here to simply gather a crowd, we're building a family. Insideout, it's not just a crowd of people, its not just a concert, its not just a youth group, we are a family and we want you to know that you are welcome here, you belong here, and you are invited to be a part of this family!