

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is the difference between Christ's natural family and His spiritual family?
3. Does Christ have the same love for all people? Explain.
4. What are the privileges of being in Christ's spiritual family?
5. What does it mean to do the will of God? How does a person come to do God's will?
6. Are you a member of Christ's spiritual family? How do you know? What makes a person a member of His family?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. Before hearing this sermon, did you find Christ's words in this text harsh? Why or why not? Did the sermon change your understanding of Christ's words?
2. Have you been persecuted for Christ's sake by your natural family? Explain.
If you have been so persecuted, do you find this passage reassuring? Explain.
If you have not been persecuted by your family, how could you use this passage to reassure a brother or sister in Christ who is being persecuted by their family?
3. In what situations do you find it hard to honor your natural family while giving highest allegiance and loyalty to Christ (loving Christ with all your heart)?
4. What responsibilities come with being in Christ's spiritual family? How can we as a group grow in exercising our responsibilities to one another as brothers and sisters?
5. How does Christ's statement in verse 35 about doing the will of God fit together with the truth that one comes into right relationship with God by grace alone through faith alone (Eph 2:8-9)?
6. How can you apply this sermon this week? How can your brothers and sisters in this group help you to do so?