

Your Next Step with God's Word  
Practicing the Word  
Luke 8:19-21

How does Jesus define His kingdom family?

1. Many people hear the Word, but Jesus' kingdom family puts the Word into practice.

- The point: The Word (seed) only bears fruit when we live it out.
- The practice: Persisting in it until it changes you.

*Application: Together, we are invited to grow in family resemblance.*

*Family resemblance check: Is practicing the Word your priority?*

- The problem: There are other competing priorities, and obedience is costly.

2. Many people are around Jesus, but Jesus' kingdom family is drawn in close.

*Application: Together, we are invited to enjoy the nearness of Jesus' presence.*

*Take Home Truth: When we are invited into Jesus' family, we are invited into both a deep loyalty and a deep intimacy.*

*Practicing the Word is more than our duty; it becomes our devotion*