

## THE ORANGE CONNECTION



FALL 2017 SERMON SERIES

**10.8.17**

### **Pastor Steve & Pastor Walter - Amplify Family**

Join us Wednesday night 10.11.17 for dinner from 5:15-6:00 and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.

1.) When you hear the word “family”, who comes to mind? Are any of these people beyond your blood relatives?

2.) After hearing the sermon this week, how has your definition of family been challenged or changed?

### **Read Matthew 12:46-50**

3.) How do you think Jesus’ mother and brothers felt after this interchange?

4.) How does Jesus amplify the concept of family in this passage? What concerns you about how Jesus talks about family here? What encourages you?

### **Read Mark 2:1-12**

5.) In this story, who would Jesus say is the paralyzed man's family?

6.) Using your imagination, who do you think these four friends might be (childhood friends, neighbors, teenagers, elderly, etc.)? Why?

7.) Reflect on Mark 2:5 for a moment. When Jesus saw *their* faith, he told the paralyzed man his sins were forgiven. What does this suggest about the ministry of your group? The ministry of our church?

8.) Who has helped bring you into Jesus' presence?

### **Application**

9.) Who do you most identify with in this story (crowd, friends, paralyzed man, teachers)? Why?

10.) Who do you know that is waiting or looking for a "family"? What action might you take to amplify family for them?