

# Connecting in Jesus-Centered Relationships

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Matthew 12:46-50

**Big Idea: We follow Jesus together by connecting in Jesus-centered relationships.**

**Anybody** can follow Jesus, but nobody gets to follow Jesus **alone**.

**Matthew 12:50**

If you want more of **Jesus** in your life, you need more of **Jesus' family** in your life.

**Matthew 18:20**

A **unified** church draws people to Jesus.

**John 17:20-21**

Looking to get connected at ACC? Go to [alderwood.cc/connect](http://alderwood.cc/connect) to see all of our open groups.

Cultural research cited from Hofstede insights: [www.hofstede-insights.com](http://www.hofstede-insights.com)

## Sermon questions

We're in a series this month called *Following Jesus Together* where we're talking about being a church that makes Jesus known by loving others as Jesus has loved us. This week we're talking about "following Jesus together by connecting in Jesus-centered relationships" and our key text is **Matthew 12:46-50**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What is one thing God convinced or convicted you of from this Sunday's message?
2. When you read **Matthew 12:46-50** and see Jesus describe his followers as his family, does that resonate with your experience in the church? Why or why not?

3. Have someone read **Ephesians 2:19-22**. How do you think our church community can grow more into being a “holy temple in the Lord”?
4. How do you need to **Grow** right now in your love for God’s family?
5. Is there anyone in your life that needs Christian community but doesn’t have it yet? Who are they? How can you be used by Jesus to **Go** and invite them to follow Jesus with us at ACC?