

IT BE YOUR OWN PEOPLE

RPM BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 13:55 • John 7:5 • Acts 15:13–21

“Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?” — Matthew 13:55



ICEBREAKERS

- ★ Think about your family or community growing up. What made your “people” stand out from everyone else?
- ★ Have you ever felt hurt, misunderstood, or even competed against by people who were close to you?
- ★ What does it look like when “your people” support you in real and meaningful ways?



MOVE

Faith is not just believing in God—it’s believing in each other enough to carry one another.

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CHECK IN INTENTIONALLY

Reach out to one family member or friend this week. Ask how they’re doing and really listen.

2



CHOOSE LISTENING OVER FIXING

When someone opens up, listen without rushing to solve. Your presence is powerful.

3



SPEAK LIFE AND COVER PEOPLE

Encourage someone publicly or privately. Pray for them. Protect their name.



REMEMBER

Your people ain’t your enemy. They can be part of your purpose.

BREAKDOWN OF R.P.M.



REVEAL

We seek...to determine what the scripture REVEALS about God, Christ, and/or ourselves.



PRAY

We seek...to identify ways in which we can PRAY for application, supplication, and/or revelation.



MOVE

We seek...to clearly define next steps (MOVE) in our everyday lives, immediate circumstances, and/or circles/community context(s).



REVEAL



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

- James (the brother of Jesus) grew up close to Him, yet struggled to believe.
- Jesus’ own brothers did not believe in Him (John 7:5), showing that proximity does not guarantee faith.
- Early believers had to learn to move beyond competition and into calling (Acts 15:13–21).



SOCIOLOGICAL INSIGHT

- Families and communities can be strong, but also carry pain, comparison, and hidden wounds.
- Division shows up in many ways—class, education, politics, generation, and even church spaces.
- Today, social media amplifies criticism but often replaces care, encouragement, and real support.



HISTORICAL INSIGHT

- The early church had to learn how to resolve differences and honor God together.
- Communities of faith have always been places of refuge and healing when they choose unity over competition.



ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSIGHT

- People heal in safe, consistent, and loving environments.
- Trust is built through listening, presence, and shared history.
- When people feel seen and valued, they open up and support each other.



THEOLOGICAL CLARITY

- God calls us to bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2).
- Support is not about fixing; it’s about walking with people in love.
- Jesus endured rejection from His own, but still fulfilled His purpose.



PRAY

God, help me see the value in my people. Teach me to choose love over competition. Give me the heart to support, encourage, and build up others. Heal the pain caused by betrayal and misunderstanding. Help us become the community You created us to be.

SAMPLE PRAYER:

“Lord, make me a vessel of healing in my family and community. Help me lift others up like You lift me.”

