

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

episode one

STUDY GUIDE



THE CHOSEN IS THE FIRST-EVER MULTI-SEASON TV SHOW ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS. CREATED OUTSIDE OF THE HOLLYWOOD SYSTEM, THE CHOSEN ALLOWS US TO SEE HIM THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.



USING THIS GUIDE

TAKE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE WATCHING THE EPISODE TO ALLOW THE PARTICIPANTS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER. NAME TAGS WILL BE PROVIDED.

IN THIS GUIDE YOU WILL FIND REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR EACH EPISODE. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE A COPY OF THE GUIDE. EXTRAS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH SESSION.

VIEW THE EPISODE TOGETHER AND BE PREPARED TO PAUSE THE DVD IF QUESTIONS ARISE. USING THE CLOSED CAPTIONS/SUBTITLES WILL BE HELPFUL.

IN YOUR LEADER GUIDE, YOU WILL FIND AN EXPLANATION OF THE TERMS AND THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCES WRITTEN OUT FOR EACH SESSION.

FEEL FREE TO USE THESE QUESTIONS AS TIME ALLOWS. SOMETIMES THE EPISODE MAY BRING ABOUT TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WITHOUT USING THE PROVIDED QUESTIONS.

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Terms:

SHABBAT, ADONAI,
PHARISEE, PRAETOR,
CAPERNAUM, EXORCIST

Characters:

NICODEMUS,
LILITH/MARY MAGDALENE,
MATTHEW, SIMON,
ANDREW

Scripture:

ISAIAH 43:1
JOHN 3:1
1 CORINTHIANS 9:5

WHAT QUOTE OR SCENE FROM THIS EPISODE WAS THE MOST MEANINGFUL OR IMPACTFUL TO YOU? WHY?
WHICH CHARACTERS STOOD OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

1. HOW DOES OUR ORTHODOX FAITH ENHANCE HOW WE IMAGINE THE EVENTS OF CHRIST'S LIFE?
2. IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU IDENTIFY WITH MARY MAGDALENE? IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU IDENTIFY WITH NICODEMUS? SIMON AND ANDREW?
3. WHAT DOES "I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE" MEAN TO YOU?
4. DO YOU HAVE A PASSAGE OR A QUOTE THAT BRINGS YOU COMFORT WHEN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?
5. WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS? DOES HIS INTENTIONALITY WITH MARY MAGDALENE HELP YOU RECOGNIZE HIM IN YOUR LIFE?

EPISODE ONE

show notes

EPISODE TITLE: I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

EPISODE LENGTH: 54:35 MINUTES

TERMS:

SHABBAT - SHABBAT IS CELEBRATED AS A DAY OF REST. THE JEWISH FAITH BELIEVES THAT GOD WORKED FOR SIX DAYS AND RESTED ON THE SEVENTH. TRADITIONALLY, PREPARING AND PARTICIPATING IN A SPECIAL SHABBAT MEAL IS HOW THIS JEWISH HOLIDAY IS CELEBRATED. YOU CAN ALSO CELEBRATE SHABBAT BY PARTAKING IN WORSHIP AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

ADONAI - MEANS "MASTER" OR "LORD," SHOWING THAT GOD HAS SOVEREIGNTY OVER US.

PHARISEE - A MEMBER OF A JEWISH SECT NOTED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF RITES AND CEREMONIES OF THE WRITTEN LAW AND FOR INSISTENCE ON THE VALIDITY OF THEIR OWN ORAL TRADITIONS CONCERNING THE LAW

PRAETOR - AN ANCIENT ROMAN MAGISTRATE RANKING BELOW A CONSUL AND HAVING CHIEFLY JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

CAPERNAUM - A CITY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT IN SCRIPTURE BECAUSE CAPERNAUM WAS THE CHOSEN HOME CITY OF JESUS AFTER HE WAS DRIVEN FROM NAZARETH BY THE RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS,

EXORCIST - A PERSON WHO EXPELS OR ATTEMPTS TO EXPEL A SUPPOSED EVIL SPIRIT FROM A PERSON OR PLACE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THIS EPISODE:

ISAIAH 43:1 - BUT NOW THUS SAYS THE LORD, HE WHO CREATED YOU, O JACOB, HE WHO FORMED YOU, O ISRAEL: "FEAR NOT, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU; I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE."

JOHN 3:1 - NOW THERE WAS A MAN OF THE PHARISEES, NAMED NICODEMUS, A RULER OF THE JEWS.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:5 - DO WE NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WIFE, AS THE OTHER APOSTLES AND THE BROTHERS OF THE LORD AND CEPHAS?