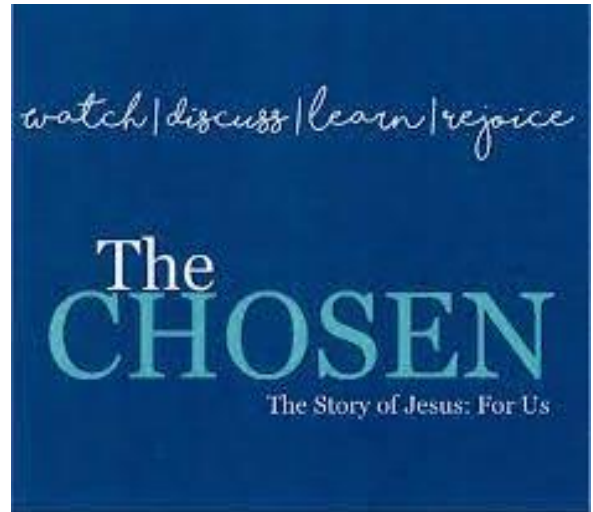


Group Guide

Episode 7: Reckoning

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons (and daughters) of God.”
Matthew 5:9*



EPISODE 7

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Luke 6:37
- Matthew 6:5
- Matthew 6:9-13

CHARACTERS

Jesus and disciples; Pharisees: Shmuel, Yanni, Yousef; Romans: Quintus, Atticus, Gaius; Others: Tamar & the Paralytic

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG idea from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you first share with someone about this episode and how God spoke to you through it?)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank You for Your patience with me even when I do not understand Your leading in my life. Please help me follow when I am doubting Your lead. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Andrew criticized Mary for leaving Jesus (and them) after she had experienced such radical deliverance. Jesus demonstrates such quick forgiveness to the repentant heart. Do you struggle to forgive in the same way?
2. When Simon and Andrew are on the boat, Simon tells Andrew that he should fish because Jesus told them to, “Do as he says or bad things will happen.” Do you ever struggle with similar thoughts? How/why?
3. Andrew’s emotions (fear) cause him to attack the other disciples. How do you prevent your emotions from clouding your judgment and hurting others?
4. When your faith is challenged by negative circumstances, do you get angry, fearful, or shutdown? How do you restore your trust in Christ?
5. Atticus said he had seen Jesus do miracles but that Jesus did not strike him as being scary or crazy . . . and *that* is what scared him. What do you think he meant?

QUOTE:

*“Get used to different brother.”
~Simon Peter to Andrew*