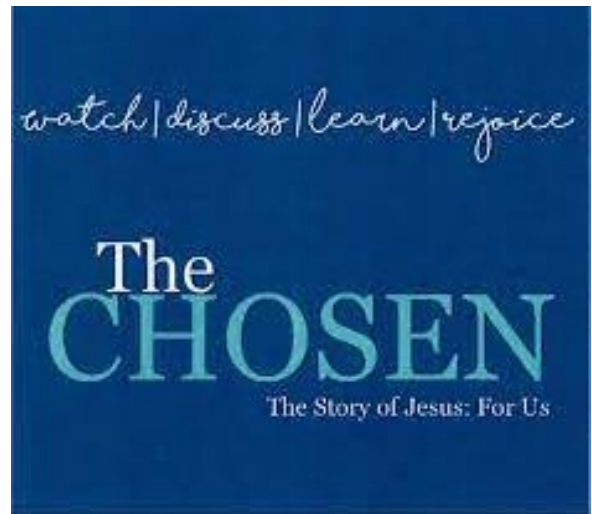


Group Guide

Episode 6: Unlawful

*“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:7*



EPISODE 6

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Psalm 20:7
- John 8:1-3
- 1 Samuel 21:1-6
- Luke 6:6-11
- Matthew 12:1-18
- Psalm 19:7

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Ramah, David, Abiathar, Matthew, Simon Peter, Pharisees (Schmuel, Yanni), Elam (man with withered hand).

The Big Question: Which of the stories within the story was most powerful to you:

- The search for Mary by Peter and Matthew;
- Mary's restoration;
- John the Baptist's arrest;
- Pharisees plotting;
- Healing of the man with the withered hand.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Jesus. Thank you for pursuing me even when I am not following You. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. While the search for Mary Magdalene and her fall from grace is not a part of scripture, what **IS** true about how Jesus searches for the lost and restores the sinner? How have you experienced forgiveness from the Lord?
2. Mary Magdalene felt she could not face Jesus after she “broke again.” Have you ever felt like that and how did you press through it?
3. Phillip, Andrew and Jesus are hard hit by the news of John the Baptist's arrest. Mary is missing. The food supply is short. Things seem bad. How do you respond when things seem to be falling apart around you? Do you find it hard to see prayer as the first step toward dealing with life's issue? Why or why not?
4. How do you keep following Jesus when He leads you in directions you weren't expecting or don't want to go?
5. This episode begins with a flashback to David. It ends with the disciples eating grain. What do you think Jesus was teaching about the Sabbath and our relationship to it?

QUOTE:

*“What if you were cut off from Jesus by something in your past? Would you want help getting back to him as soon as possible?”
~Matthew*