



VINCENT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



EPISODE 3: "JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

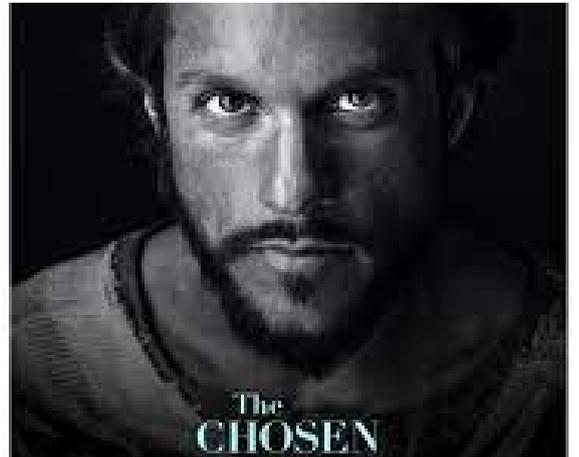
Set the Stage:

Jesus is living in a tent on the outskirts of Capernaum. He cooks his own food, he bandages his arm, he plies his trade as a craftsman, and he says his prayers.

A young girl named Abigail discovers his tent and plays with some of the objects she finds. The next day she comes back with a boy, and they introduce themselves to Jesus.

The two children return the next day with other children, and as time goes by, Jesus tells them stories and teaches them how to pray.

We see some of the playful nature of Jesus and the special place children have in His heart.



Scripture Study:

Luke 18:15-17 (ESV)

Let the Children Come to Me

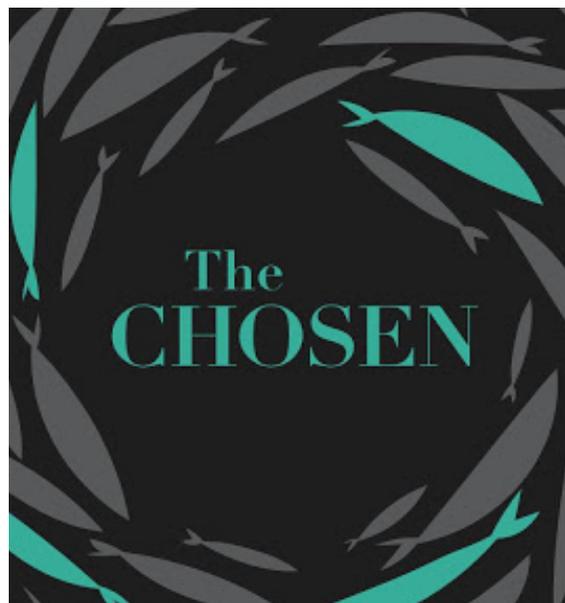
15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Session 3 Discussion Questions:

- Is it strange for you to think of Jesus as personable?
- What was notable to you the way Jesus was shown living his life: the conditions, the preparation, the hygiene, etc.?
- What does it say to you that Jesus so intentionally made time for children? What about the amount of time that he spent with them?
- Jesus told the boy that "an eye for an eye" was for a specific context - in a court of law. What lesson can we take from things we find in the Bible applying to specific context?
- "Adults need the faith of children." How can we intentionally make space for this in our faith and life?
- It was easy for Abigail to tell her friends about Jesus- how easy is it for you?

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Father, glorify me with yourself. Father, speak through me.



Bible Exploration:

- Luke 18: 15-17; 6:12 ; 11:2-4; 4:16-21; 22:39-44; 9:12-17
- Mark 3:13-19; 9:42; 12:19, 29-30; 10:13-16; 14:35-36, 37; 6:35-44;
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 19:21; 32:35-36
- Exodus 21:24
- Matthew 6:9-13; 5:38-42; 23:1-3; 18:1-5; 19:13-15; 11:25; 21:15-16; 26:36-39, 40; 14:13-21; 15:32-38
- Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6
- John 8:54; 13:31-32; 16:14; 17:1-5; 6:5-13, 51, 58
- I Corinthians 11:23-24

