



VINCENT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



EPISODE 2: "SHABBAT (THE SABBATH)"

Set the Stage:

This episode does not dramatize any stories from the gospels. However, it does introduce new characters from the gospels and allude to other elements besides.

The two most significant new characters are Thaddaeus and a man named James, both of whom will become members of Jesus' inner circle of the Twelve.

Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Andrew, and others host very different Shabbat dinners, while Matthew eats alone.

We continue to see more of the backstories of the characters we met last episode.



Scripture Study:

Deuteronomy 5:12-14 (ESV)

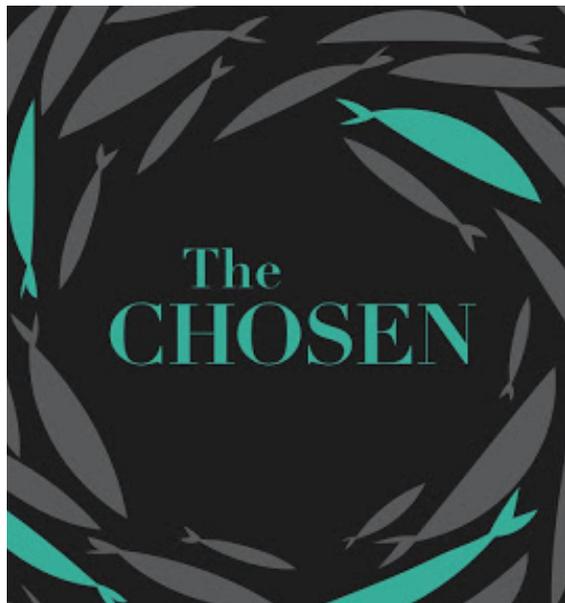
"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you."

Session 3 Discussion Questions:

- We rest and honor family, our people, and God on the Sabbath. We refresh our souls. Rest is a restorative gift. How are you utilizing it? How could you be utilizing it more?
- What differences did you notice about the different Sabbath dinners? Which Sabbath was Jesus a part of? Which Sabbath would you have been at?
- Simon Peter and Andrew were in a tough position, what do you think about how they handled it? How do you believe you would honestly handle a similar situation?
- When a miracle happens, are you one to question every detail, or just enjoy and celebrate it?

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I was one way, and now I am completely different.



Bible Exploration:

- Deuteronomy 5:12-14 (The Sabbath)
- Genesis 2:1-3 (The Seventh Day, God Rests)
- Matthew 18:15-17 (Resolving conflict; Tax Collectors)
- Matthew 17:24-27 (Jesus and Tax Collectors)
- Proverbs 31:10-31 (Woman of Valor)

