

**The Chosen---Episode 1**  
**"I Have Called You by Name"**

September 19, 2021

1. Prayer
2. Watch Episode 1

**3. Starter questions:**

- What captured your attention most about this episode?
- What quote from this episode was the most meaningful or impactful to you, and why?
- What are your first impressions of *The Chosen*, seeing the locations and lives of the Bible characters?

**4. To study on your own:**

**A. FEAR**

- What do you fear and why? Read Psalm 139:13-18, and how does this speak to your fear?
- Read Isaiah 6:1-5. God is holy, and Isaiah felt despairingly unworthy in God's presence. But, at the same time, Isaiah's repentant heart was acknowledged, forgiveness was extended.
- Read Isaiah 6:3 again. How do these words impact the way you view God? How does being in a relationship with the One whom these words describe impact the things you fear?
- Read (and memorize, if you can) Isaiah 43:1.

**B. WORTHY/NOT WORTHY**

- Which of the main characters in this episode (Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew or Simon Peter) do you relate to most? Do you feel "worthy" to be called by Jesus?
- Read Romans 3:10-12. Regardless of how we view our own performance record, how does the Bible say we all compare to a holy God?

**C. JESUS IS OUR RESCUER**

- Read John 3:16-18. Jesus not only to live among us, but to rescue us from sin. All we have to do is believe in the Him, the one sent by God. That is it – but that is everything!

Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What does this say about God's rescue of people through Jesus?

- Reread Isaiah 43:1. How might this challenge you to think differently about your situation? And what might it be calling you to do differently? (see the back of this page for an exercise in Isaiah 43)

**5. Personal Reflection and Study—**

- Deuteronomy 27:26 – warning about not obeying God's law
- Galatians 3:10-14 – Paul quoted Deut 27:26, but also mentions hope in Jesus.
- Genesis 12:1-3 – God put in motion the rescue plan that was completed by Jesus
- Titus 3:4-7 – God's unmerited rescue of believers (what changes occur when we follow Jesus?)

Next week, 9/26: Episode 2, "Shabbat"

Exercise from Isaiah 43 -

Personalize this passage from Isaiah 43 by adding your name to the blanks and read it out loud to yourself:

But now, God's Message, the God who made you in the first place, \_\_\_\_\_, the One who got you started, \_\_\_\_\_: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name \_\_\_\_\_. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end— Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy God of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you, \_\_\_\_\_: That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you. So don't be afraid \_\_\_\_\_: I'm with you."