

**The Chosen---Episode 2
Shabbat**

September 26, 2021

Prayer

Watch Episode 2

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 struck you about the role of tax collectors and how they were viewed by the people? (or in the case of Matthew, how he might have also been viewed by his own father?)
- What stood out to you about how Jesus was depicted in this episode?

Table discussion (or individual reads):

- Where does Shabbat come from? See Exodus 20:8-11
- What promise did God make to His chosen people in Isaiah 43:1-2?
- What miracles did God do for the Israelites when he led them out of Egypt and through the wilderness to the promised land? (Exodus 13: 20-22; 14:10-30; 16:4; Deut. 29: 5; Joshua 3:14-17).
- How did God continue delivering on His promise while His chosen people were in exile, in Daniel 3:1-29?
- What does God say about whether His promises are limited to the Israelites who keep the Sabbath? (Isaiah 56:1-8)

(Paul read commentary on the characters on p. 48-49)

Table Discussion (or individual reads):

- What does Jesus say about rest? Matthew 11:28-30
- Does "rest" mean we will not have burdens or difficulties? What does Paul write about how God works through those in Romans 8:28?
- What eternal promise does God make in Rev. 21:1-7?

Personal Reflection—

- When it comes to practicing your own Sabbath day rest, what character in this episode do you relate to the most and why?
- Keeping the Sabbath is most obviously marked by not working. But God's primary intention behind the commandment is to spend the day like Mary did---to enter into His presence. What needs to change in your schedule or mind-set to rest the way God intended?

Next week, 10/3: Jesus Loves the Little Children