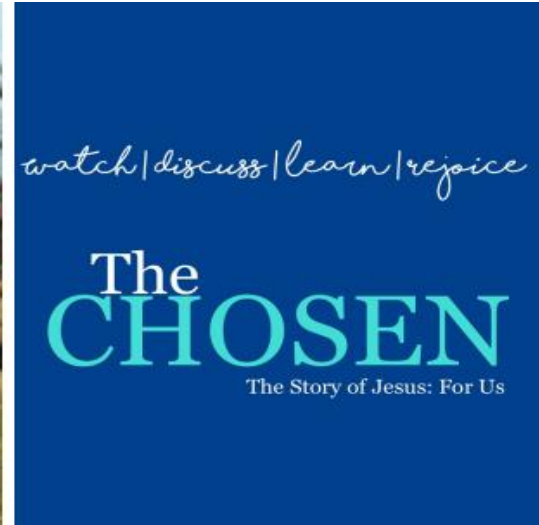


Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

S2 EPISODE 1- Thunder



EPISODE 1

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 18:12-14 ▶ Mark 3:17
- ▶ John 1:1-18; ▶ Luke 10:25-37

CHARACTERS

Jesus, James & John, Andrew & Peter, Thomas, Rema, Rema's father, Matthew, Samaritans in Sychar, Samaritan cripple and his family

QUICK SUMMARY

Tension builds among the disciples as they wrestle with the increasing fame of Jesus in Samaria. Jesus rebukes Big James and John for their prejudice and, after a near-violent encounter, gives them a new nickname.

After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the following reflection questions:

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is your favorite moment from this episode?

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? Which character, event or line stood out to you most? Why?

Bring to Group:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

EPISODE 1 QUESTIONS

1. Talk about your first encounter with Jesus. How did you first meet Jesus? With who do you enjoy talking to about Jesus?
2. In the episode Jesus said, "I ask a lot of those who follow Me, but I ask little of those who don't." What do you think some

of the things Jesus asks of those who follow Him?

3. John's writing depicts Christ's "bigness." How do we let Jesus be "bigger" in our lives on a day to day basis?
4. The disciples were gathered to mourn the loss of John's brother James. He had been martyred (Acts 12:1-2). Why is it good to simply reflect on Jesus during hard times?
5. Jesus heals the Samaritan cripple without being present. While he stayed there, the cripple told his story. How did Jesus treatment of him impact you?
6. We see James and John and their intensity. Jesus rebukes them creatively. He said, "You're not more worthy than they!" Why is that a message we need to hear?
7. When Jesus stayed overnight in the Samaritan priest's house, He was asked why he didn't correct the priest when he said one room was haunted. "I don't address everything at once," He replied. How grateful are you that God is patient with our ignorance?

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read Matthew 18:12-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 10:25-37

Self-Check

o What area of your life comes to mind when you think about repenting from something? Remembering your heavenly Father rejoices when you repent from sin in your life, do you believe He is approachable and wanting to help you with your struggle? What will you invite Him to help you change?

o How have you felt the "cost" of following Jesus? If you aren't feeling the cost, is it because you are

not following Jesus very closely? What are you willing to do to follow more closely?

Go Forth – What about this episode would you share with someone you know who is far from God?

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father seeking you as a lost sheep. Ask Him to show you ways you where you could repent and see others with value as He does.

QUOTES

"I don't address everything at once," – Jesus

"I cannot give you my belief or my devotion but my honesty and my daughter are all I have left to give." – Rema's father

"Strong passion can be good when channeled for righteousness." - Jesus, to James and John