

# Group Guide



*For listening, discussion & reflection*

S2 EPISODE 7- Reckoning



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The  
**CHOSEN**  
The Story of Jesus: For Us

## EPISODE 7

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matt. 4:12-17
- ▶ Matt. 6:5-15
- ▶ Matt. 6:9-13
- ▶ Luke 6:37
- ▶ Proverbs 3:5-6

### CHARACTERS

Jesus and disciples; Pharisees: Shmuel, Yanni, Yousef; Romans: Quintus, Atticus, Gaius; Others: Tamar & the Paralytic

### QUICK SUMMARY

After learning of Jesus' whereabouts, Quintus sends Gaius to arrest him. The disciples lose control as they argue about how to respond. While seeking information about where Jesus has been taken, Andrew and Philip encounter old friends.

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

### CONVERSATION STARTER

What's a fun game you get really competitive at?

#### TheBigQuestion:

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 7 QUESTIONS

1. The episode begins with Peter and Andrew, James and John out fishing - because Jesus sent them to do so. The disciples seem to be struggling with whether they will have "enough." How/why do you find it hard to trust Jesus in moments of need?
2. Peter tells Andrew that he should fish because Jesus told them to. "Do as he says or bad things will happen." How does this reveal a sad reality to their thoughts about Jesus at this point in their relationship? Do you ever struggle with similar thoughts?
3. We see Andrew in this episode consumed with fear and worry. Why?
4. Jesus' followers were concerned that the Romans and/or Jewish leaders could ruin Jesus' plans. What thoughts do you have about whether their fear was justified? How do we demonstrate that attitude today?
5. Atticus said he'd seen Jesus do miracles but that Jesus didn't strike him as being scary or crazy ... and that scared him. What do you think he meant?
6. Why were the Pharisees intent on condemning Jesus at this point in His ministry? Why were the Romans concerned about Jesus' activities?
7. Andrew's fear is paralyzing his perspective. Jesus tells him, "You can't just shut down when you're fearful. What will you do when I'm no longer here?" How have you struggled with fear and its impact on your life? How have you seen fear impact others and the church?
8. Jesus' constant calmness (and his modeling solitary prayer) convinces the disciples to ask Him to teach them how to pray. How did this scene impact you?
9. What teachings of Jesus are the hardest for you to trust in and/or follow?

10. In the episode, Andrew's emotions (fear) cause him to attack the other disciples. How do you prevent your emotions from clouding your judgement and hurting others?
11. When your faith is challenged by negative circumstances, do you get angry, fearful, or shutdown? How do you restore your trust in Christ?
12. Who do you have in your life that can help keep you from taking matters into your own hands when things are not going your way?
13. In the episode Jesus taught that prayer is the first step at getting the mind and the heart right. What is something you'd like to improve about your prayer life?

## PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

**Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 6:5-15.

### Self-Check

- o Does your prayer life show your real dependence on God? What could you do to make it even better?
- o What thing(s) do you use as "tools" to help keep your prayer times meaningful and productive? (Books, lists, practices, times of day?)

**Go Forth** – Who do you know that doesn't know what to make of Jesus? How could you help their understanding?

**Pray** – Thank God for Jesus' patience with you even when you don't understand His leading in your life. Ask Him to help you when you're doubting His lead.

## QUOTES

*"I can't keep what I know inside." – Tamar*

*"Get used to different, brother" - Peter*