

DISCUSSION AND STUDY GUIDE – SEASON THREE, EPISODE TWO – TWO BY TWO

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 3

Yahweh, how many are my foes, how many rise against me
How many say of me, “There is no help for you in your God.”
But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me, my glory, you keep my head high.
Loudly I cry to Yahweh, who answers me from the holy mountain.
Now I can lie down and sleep and then awake, for Yahweh sustains me.
I do not fear, then, the thousands arrayed against me on every side.
Rise, Yahweh. Save me, my God!
You crack the cheekbones of my enemies; you break the teeth of the wicked.
From you, Yahweh, deliverance. On your people, blessing!

CLOSING PRAYER

God of justice and peace, you call us to be agents of your justice to the world. Give us the vision and wisdom to see the world with your eyes and the compassion to respond with your love and mercy. Amen

TABLE TALK

- What captured your imagination most in this episode? Why?
- Which characters stood out to you the most? Which were the most interesting? Which were the most moving?
- What is psalm 3 about? How did the experience of David in this psalm connect with what the 12 were about to experience? Why do you think the psalm was encouraging for them?
- Jesus’ conversation with Little James was profound. What was Jesus’ message to Little James? What do you think Little James was thinking as Jesus was speaking?
 - What are your thoughts?
 - What weakness in your own life may be a way of bringing others to faith in Christ?
 - What can we learn from this about those moments in our lives when Jesus does not heal us or those we love?
- In the episode, Matthew said he couldn’t understand why Jesus chose him. Do you ever feel like Jesus would have no reason to choose you? Why or why not?
- Atticus tells Gaius that eventually all secrets will be known. What do you think Gaius is keeping secret?
- The scene with Matthew and his parents - what insights about forgiveness and the process of reconciliation did you discover in this encounter?
- In this episode, Jesus sent his apostles out two by two.

- In sending them out, Jesus gives them specific instructions – how would they apply to us today?
- The apostles are depicted as having serious questions and concerns – what do you remember about their reactions – do you see yourself in some of their responses?
- Jesus matched Matthew with Simon the Zealot. Why do you think this was significant?
- Have you ever experienced being sent out by Jesus to share the good news? Share your experience.
- Jesus says, “I want you to learn what it means to fully rely on your Father in heaven.” Does God want this for us and how do we learn it?
- The apostles meet outside Matthew’s old home and are strengthened by God’s word. What plan do you have so that you can daily be strengthened by God’s word?
- Peter & Eden begin making plans for a family. Then the apostles are sent out and so they must wait. What does this say about how Jesus’ plan for us can interrupt our plans and hopes? How can we respond?
- Is there a new thing you are sensing God wants to do in and through you today? Are there people or places you think God might be sending you to share the gospel message? What concerns do you have about this?
- Is there someone in your life you have hurt to whom you need to go and say more than “I’m sorry” in order to restore the relationship?

SCRIPTURE CONNECTED TO THIS EPISODE

Jesus sends them out

- Mark 6: 7 – 13
- Luke 9: 1 – 6; Luke 10: 1 – 12
- Matthew 10: 1 – 15

Psalm 3 – God is my shield and strength

Psalm 139: 14 – I praise you for I am wonderfully made

Job 1:21 – the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away