



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

June 26, 2021
Invitations



Sundays 9:30 AM



Friday July 2nd 6:30pm



Wednesdays 7:00 PM

**The Chosen
Official Trailer**

**Questions answered
about The Chosen by
the director**

**View the entire first
season here**

Midweek Youth

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

**Foster Care Teens
Personal Care Items**

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

Sundays at 9:30am



throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Bible verse of the week

Matthew 9:9

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.



Invitations

Last Sunday, we watched and discussed episode 7 of **The Chosen TV series**, "Invitations". In this episode, we watched as **John 3** came to life with the secret meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus.

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, spent his entire life teaching God's Word and wondering if he would live to see the day that the Messiah would come and here he was actually having a conversation with the Messiah.

We talked some about how it would be for us to be sitting at a table having an actual conversation with Jesus. We said it would be even more for Nicodemus waiting for this very moment for generations upon generations.

We talked about Nicodemus' response to Jesus asking him to follow Him. Jesus understood his hesitation and He agreed that there would be a lot to give up but also promised that he would receive so much more.

Jesus told him to think about it and that "the invitation is still open". We said, Jesus' invitation to all of us to follow Him is always open, whenever we are ready to.

We talked about Simon being worried that his sick mother in law would be a burden on Jesus and it would affect his being called to follow Him. We said that when we choose to follow Jesus, our burdens do become His burdens and they are no longer ours to carry alone. Nothing we could ever say or do could ever cause Him to give up on us.

We watched a confused Matthew continue to struggle trying to make logical sense of what he has personally witnessed. He said, "Everything is like sand in a flood, the things I thought I knew to be true...My whole world, everything I thought I knew, what if it's wrong?"

We said that Matthew had basically the same epiphany that Nicodemus had all the way back in episode 1 when

he could not rid Mary of the demons and said, "What if there is something more? What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?"

We talked about their different responses to Jesus calling them to follow Him. We said that we can get comfortable and feel safe inside the box that we make for ourselves with the things that we think we know about the world and God and it can make us blind to anything more than what we think we already know.

Jesus calls us to come out of our box to experience the amazing life that God has planned for us that is far beyond our own thoughts and imaginations.

We said that leaving your box and all that you believe you know, can be very uncomfortable and can sometimes even be scary but, as Jesus told Nicodemus, the end result is always something that is unbelievably amazing.

We start episode 8 on Sunday June 27th at 9:30

If you ever miss an episode during this series and would like to get caught up or just review, you can view the entire first season for free at their **website**.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on Friday, July 2nd, at 6:30pm for Youth Movie Night!

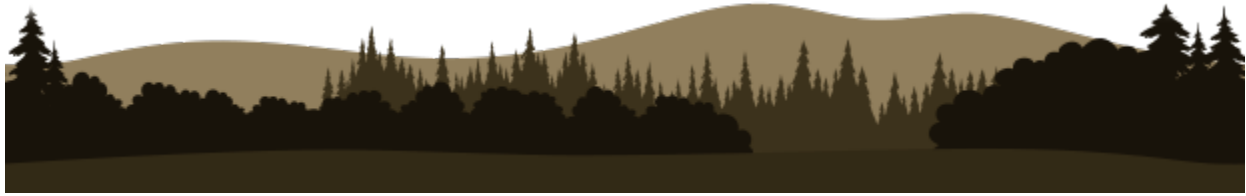
The movie will be the 2015 movie, "Inside Out". All youth, grades 7-12, their friends and families are invited.

Rated PG



"After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school."

[See Trailer Here](#)



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