

in foster care 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.

This Week's Bible Verse
Luke 15:4-7

⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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Sons of Thunder

This past Sunday, we started Episode 1 from Season 2 of **The Chosen** series. We started reviewing what The Chosen was all about and what it's not. The intro to season 2 starts shortly after the death of Big James with John interviewing the Disciples and taking notes about their first meeting Jesus. We said that this intro serves as a review of the characters and some of the high points from season 1 as well as an interesting opportunity to see John working on what is to eventually become the Gospel of John.

The episode then starts right where season 1 left off, with Jesus and His followers in Samaria. After Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman at the well, at the end of season 1, they stayed in Samaria for a few days more.

We talked about the significance of Jesus choosing to visit Samaria early in His public teaching about the Kingdom of God. We said that Samaritans and Jews had been mortal enemies for generations. The hatred between them was so deep it seemed like nothing could ever change it. Nothing except Jesus, that is.

We said what better place to teach and to show that the good news of God's Kingdom really was for everyone, even including these two groups of people so far apart in their beliefs and so deeply hating each other?

We said that this is not so different from our world today. People today are also so divided and even hated based on color, religious beliefs, nationality, etc. just like the Samaritans and the Jews. It is our job as Christians to show the world that the good news of God's Kingdom is for each and every one of us. No matter who you are, where you are from, or even what you have done.

We saw that Jesus not only used His time in Samaria to teach the Samaritans about the Kingdom of God, He was also teaching His Disciples some very important lessons as well.

We talked about some of the issues that we can start to see with having a group of all different personalities and backgrounds living and traveling together and said it will be interesting to watch how Jesus addresses these issues.

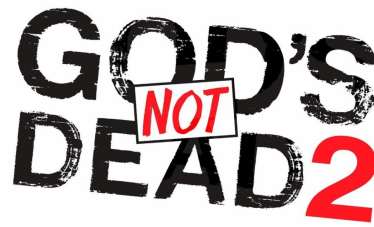
We said to think about what we might say is the underlying theme that Jesus is teaching throughout this entire episode.

Join us this Sunday (20th) at 9:30am for the conclusion of Episode 1.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Movie Night

Join us at LWA on March 4th, at 6:30pm for 1 Youth Movie Night!



The movie will be the 2016 drama,
"God's Not Dead 2".

For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

Rated PG

High school history teacher Grace Wesley (Melissa Joan Hart) comes under fire for answering a student's (Hayley Orrantia) question about Jesus. When Grace refuses to apologize, the school board votes to suspend her and threatens to revoke her teaching certificate. Forced to stand trial to save her career, Grace hires young lawyer Tom Endler (Jesse Metcalfe) to defend her in court. Endler devises a powerful strategy to show the jury the historical significance of Wesley's classroom discussion.

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