

1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

July 9, 2022 Episode 8 - Beyond Mountains Part 1



Sundays at 9:30am The Chosen Season 2



Movie Night Series The Chosen Season 1 See Below



Paused for the Summer Every Wednesday at 7pm

Questions answered about The Chosen by the director

Midweek Youth Paused for the Summer

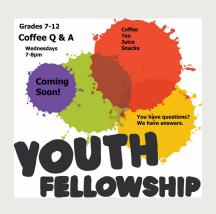
Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are still collecting

"Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care 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



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Paused for the Summer
Watch for our exciting new
Wed nights!
You have questions? We
have answers! Join us for
coffee, tea, juice, hot
chocolate, and light snacks

while we discuss whatever is on your mind.

Watch for our new "Coffee Q & A" on Wednesday nights

Coming Soon!

Sundays at 9:30am



Beyond Mountains
This past Sunday, we started Episode 8 from Season 2 of

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify vour Father in heaven.

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The Chosen called "Beyond Mountains". The episode started off with a business man and his apprentice bargaining with a man for the purchase of his land.

During their conversation afterward, we noticed that the apprentice didn't feel right about deceiving the man to get his land at a much cheaper price than what it was truly worth and the businessman began justifying their actions to seem like they aligned with God's will.

We talked about how we sometimes do the same thing when we may do something that we know doesn't align with God's word. We may tend to try to align God's word to fit with our actions. We said that we should always make sure our actions are following God's word rather than trying to adjust God's word to fit our worldly desires.

We then saw the Disciples preparing for Jesus' big sermon and noticed all the arguing going on between them. Thomas had a great explanation to Tamar saying that they all love Jesus and want to follow Him the right way. They just can't all agree on what that right way is.

Jesus even told Matthew that disagreements are bound to happen when you are open and inviting to truly **ALL** people from **ALL** backgrounds and circumstances.

We said that this is similar to what we have with today's Churches with many different types of people all wanting to follow Jesus the "right way" but having trouble agreeing on what that "right way" is.

We finished up the first part of this episode with Jesus working with Matthew writing the big sermon, which we now know as The Sermon of the Mount in Matthew Chapters 5, 6, & 7.

We said that Jesus obviously did not really need Matthew's help to write it but He often does things like this to allow us to actually teach ourselves through our questions rather than just telling us the answers.

We discussed the interesting way the writers of The Chosen addressed the writing of this sermon. They tend to use the character of Matthew to help answer some of the questions that we, as the audience, may have.

In this way, we were able to learn that this sermon was not a "feel good/you guys are doing great" type sermon but was rather a radical shift in thousands of years of thinking about God's word and it was going to turn their whole world upside down from what they knew.

We also found that Jesus' use of metaphors were because

Jesus did not want passive followers. He said, "some will understand and others will not". Jesus wants followers who are committed to actively seeking the truth rather than just passively following Him.

We also learned a bit about what Jesus meant by His followers being the "Salt of the Earth".

- 1. Salt enhances flavor Jesus wants His followers to be part of renewing the world.
- 2. Salt preserves from decay Jesus wants His followers to hold back the evil of the world.
- 3. Salt heals Jesus wants His followers to be part of the healing of the world.

We talked about how this sermon is a very powerful message that sets up the whole purpose of Jesus' Earthly ministry.

This Sunday, we will learn a little more about the Sermon on the Mount, specifically The Beatitudes, as we finish off season 2 of The Chosen. Come join us!

Upcoming Events



First Friday Movie Night Series

The Chosen Season 1

Join us on the first Friday of each month through the Summer at**6:30pm** on **August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, and November 4th** We'll be showing two episodes each night to complete the whole series!

See the season 1 trailer here

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