



EPISODE ONE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- > Isaiah 43:1
- > John 3:1
- > 1 Corinthians 9:5

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew

THE BIG QUESTION

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

BRING TO GROUP

Write a paragraph about how this episode helped you think about Jesus' **intentionality and timing** in His encounters with people.

QUOTES

"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?"

- Nicodemus

GROUP GUIDE - WEEK 1

Episode 1 - I Have Called You By Name

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Which character did you connect with more - Nicodemus or Mary Magdalene? Why?
3. Did Peter's marriage surprise you? Why?
4. Matthew was a tax collector, which, in the time of Jesus, was not generally an honest profession. How do you feel about how he was treated? What about how he treated his Jewish community?
5. What did you think about the timing of Jesus' appearance? What does that timing say about the intentionality of Jesus?
6. What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his reaction to the demon-possessed Mary Magdalene?
7. In what ways can you identify with Mary Magdalene?
8. We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What effect does an encounter with Jesus have on each of these characters? What effect has it had on you?
9. What parts of your "before" has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?
10. How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?
11. What has Jesus delivered you *from* and *for*?
12. Who is someone in your life who needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person, then go make the introduction. Trust Jesus to do the convincing.