

## Session 1- Episode Introduction: I Have Called You By Name

Every follower of Jesus has a before, a point where they have yet to accept Jesus as Lord of their life and heart. We each have unique beginnings and He meets us in different ways. So, it is here we set the stage on how some characters live leading up to and following their meeting with Jesus Christ. Specifically, we are introduced to the personas and situations of Simon (Peter), Andrew, Matthew, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene. The episode postulates how Jesus may have met these individuals in their time of need, and causes us to listen and reflect on how God has or may call us to Him.

### Applicable Scripture

- Genesis 1:1-13
- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 139:13-18
- Mark 16:6-11
- Luke 8:1-15
- John 20:11-16

### Episode Themes

- Fear Not
- You Are Called
- Worthy, Not Worthy
- Jesus Our Rescuer

### Episode Review

1. What did you like about the backstories presented here? Any surprises? Is there anything you'd change, given what you've seen so far?
2. What similarities and differences did you notice in their depiction of 1<sup>st</sup>-century and modern-day life?
3. Do you identify with any of the characters presented so far?
4. Any additional comments regarding depictions of Old and New Testament scripture

### Faith Reflection

1. What has God redeemed in you, and in what ways are you grateful?
2. Have you ever experienced Jesus pursuing you on a personal level? Is He currently pursuing you?
3. Do you feel worthy of being called by Jesus?
4. Do you have a passage that brings you comfort when you are going through a difficult time?

### Ministry Application

How can God's pursuit of us be reflected in how we interact with people, how can we share our faith practically with others?

### Prayer

- Thank God for His relentless pursuit of us.
- Ask for guidance if you are fearful of your next steps
- Ask for courage to turn to Him and assist with any situation you may be dealing with
- Ask for confidence and words when sharing about our faith