

Thunder Season 2- Episode 1

Introduction

The disciples navigate the effects of Jesus's teachings in Samaria, learning to deal with His increased popularity in the area as well as their newfound positions. They will need to build an understanding of how they will support His ministry using their individual characters. They begin to realize the challenges of working through cultural norms and their own family history, prejudice, apprehension, and temperament.

Depicted Scripture

- Matthew 18:12-14 *Parable of the Wandering Sheep*
- Luke 15: 3-7 *Parable of the Lost Sheep*
- John 1:1-15 *The Word Became Flesh*
- Luke 10:25-37 *Parable of the Good Samaritan*
- Luke 9:52-56 *Samaritan Opposition (Jesus rebukes James/John)*
- John 4:39-42 *Many Samaritans Believe*

Referenced Scripture

- Genesis 1:1-5 *The Beginning*
- Mark 3:17 *Sons of Thunder*
- Acts 12: 1-5 *Death of James*
- John 14:12 *Jesus the Way to the Father*
- John 21:24-25 *John's Disclaimer*
- Psalm 33:6-9 *Word of the Lord*

Intent

In this session, we will explore managing our temperament when living for God and doing His work. Especially when it challenges our preconceived notions, and we may not fully understand His intentions going forward. Jesus leads us to walk boldly and in humility, which can be counterintuitive to our ideation. He is patient with our ignorance, asking us to give up more of those who follow. And as we have been granted forgiveness through Him, we can extend similar forgiveness to others. Thus, our perspective can often be changed by acknowledging that His story is markedly larger than our own.

Episode Review

- How does Jesus use the parable of the lost sheep to teach His disciples what He's doing in Samaria? How does Jesus illustrate that parable in the life of the robber with the broken leg?
- Did the show's depiction of the writing of John's Gospel affect your understanding of Christ's "bigness"? (Review the 3 connected passages) How do we comprehend the writing of John 1:1-5?

Ministry Application

- In the episode, Jesus corrects James' and John's condemning attitude. Who are some "Samaritan types", we need to forgive realizing we are no more "worthy" than they are? How do we as the body of Christ help those who are poor in spirit?
- How do we let Jesus be "bigger" in our lives and follow Him more closely? Is there a "cost" to this choice the cost? How do you look beyond yourself to achieve His lasting works?

Self Reflection

What area of your life comes to mind when you think about repenting from something? Remembering your heavenly Father rejoices when you repent from sin in your life, do you believe He is approachable and wanting to help you with your struggle? What will you invite Him to help you change?