

# The Chosen Study

A Unique, Communal Bible Study for your Church

"The Chosen is meant to take you into the eyes and ears of the people who followed Jesus. We believe that if you can see Jesus through the eyes of those who met him, you can be changed and impacted in the same way they were.... If we can connect you with their burdens and struggles and questions, then ideally, we can connect you to the solution, to the answer to those questions." -- Dallas Jenkins, Creator of "The Chosen".

If you're ready for a breath of fresh air in your church Bible studies, then The Chosen Study is for you! The Chosen Study integrates film with Scripture in a 10-week experience that your congregation won't soon forget. The deep and meaningful connections that form out of exploring film and Scripture will be a transformative experience for your congregation!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED FOR THE CHOSEN STUDY AND WHERE TO FIND IT

### 1. The Chosen Season 1

Option 1: You can purchase the DVD version on Amazon by visiting this link:

[https://www.amazon.com/The-Chosen-Season-1-DVD/dp/B08ZNRV8VZ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?crid=LM4A6BSJAL2V&keywords=the+chosen+season+1&qid=1692887619&srefix=the+chosen+season+1%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1-spons&sp\\_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/The-Chosen-Season-1-DVD/dp/B08ZNRV8VZ/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?crid=LM4A6BSJAL2V&keywords=the+chosen+season+1&qid=1692887619&srefix=the+chosen+season+1%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&psc=1)

Option 2: You can watch seasons 1-3 streaming online for free by visiting this link:

[https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen?gclid=Cj0KCQjw\\_5unBhCMARIsACZyzS3SVILLjQEtxZUUe6zernOBg2KEYiJi3FmBhUnH005eFieb25V56gaAmMoEALw\\_wcB](https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen?gclid=Cj0KCQjw_5unBhCMARIsACZyzS3SVILLjQEtxZUUe6zernOBg2KEYiJi3FmBhUnH005eFieb25V56gaAmMoEALw_wcB)

Option 3: Download "The Chosen" App on your smart device for easy viewing!



### 2. The Chosen Study, Season One: Water for the Thirsty (Only one book needed for instructor)

You can purchase a copy of the study on Amazon by visiting this link: \*Tip: Save money on Amazon by purchasing a used copy if available.

[https://www.amazon.com/Chosen-Study-Season-One-Thirsty/dp/0971668337/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3DZCX5YLD7N8W&keywords=the+chosen+study+season+1&qid=1692887853&srefix=the+chosen+study+season+1%2Caps%2C101&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Chosen-Study-Season-One-Thirsty/dp/0971668337/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3DZCX5YLD7N8W&keywords=the+chosen+study+season+1&qid=1692887853&srefix=the+chosen+study+season+1%2Caps%2C101&sr=8-1)

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## GETTING STARTED

### STEP 1: CHOOSE WHERE YOUR STUDY WILL BE

#### 1. Decide where your study will be.

**Option 1: Zoom:** A cloud-based application where remote participants can join from their own personal devices and take part in the study as if they were in the room. Zoom meetings also provide live chat, content sharing, interactive whiteboarding, and many other features to make your Bible study more productive.

**Option 2: House Fellowship:** Meeting in person at a congregant's home enables participants to read scriptures together, eat together and share resources. It is a great way to practice hospitality and involve congregants personally in leadership.

**Option 3: At Church!** Meeting at the church and studying scriptures is a lifeline for the believer and studying it with others clarifies its truth. In a group, we benefit from not only the truth of the Word itself, but also from the exhortation and application of the Word alongside others.

**Consider partnering with a sister church and doing the study together!**

### STEP 2: PROMOTE YOUR STUDY

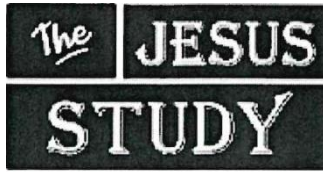
Here's a four-minute introduction led by Bill Syrios as an example of how to introduce a Chosen Study to your group. Hint: simply give an overview of pages 8-15 in the guide: [tinyurl.com/introduce-your-study](https://tinyurl.com/introduce-your-study)

### STEP 3: SHARE HOW YOUR STUDY IS GOING!

The Chosen Study enables the churches of FRP to connect and engage with one another through shared communal experience. Let us know how your study is going! Please share your experiences on your social media accounts. Reach out to other churches who are participating and start a conversation! You never know what wonders will emerge from God's Divine Providence!

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## Twelve qualities that make Jesus Study Unique

"Bible Study 1.0"—with its cognitive, all-talk, either text-heavy or once-over-lightly approach—is what many of us grew up with and loved. But that is not reaching the next generation, who instead seek visual learning via YouTube, video games, zoom, and webinar broadcasts on our devices. This visual experience has completely taken over our lives, shrunk our attention spans, and, yes, become the basis of most learning for every generation.

Into this milieu, enter "Bible Study 2.0," aka, The Jesus Study. Which begs the question: What makes The Jesus Study different?

Our initial answer is simply this: Integrating film and video with Scripture. Films such as The Chosen, The Life of Jesus (John's Gospel), RISEN, and Paul: Apostle of Christ— each with the underlying Scriptures are crafted into a ten-week experience.

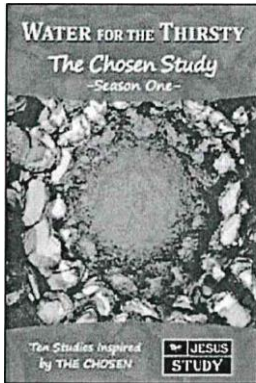
To that jumping-off point, we add two distinctives: "Jesus-centeredness" and an "Alpha approach to outreach." Those foundational traits are seen in 12 qualities common to Jesus Studies. This distinctive blend makes for a unique Bible study and God-encountering experience which:

1. Is designed to be Jesus-centered from start to finish in the personal study and discussion process.
2. Establishes "beyond-fellowship" communities, intentionally combining discipleship with evangelism.
3. Grows Jesus-followers into group leaders with dialogical facilitating skills and an outreach-priority.
4. Forms a core group that prays and prepares to lead all aspects of outreach and the group process.
5. Offers a skeptic- and seeker-friendly environment conducive to inviting non-churched friends.
6. Encourages food inclusion at each gathering to facilitate connection among group members.
7. Combines film with complementary Scripture to make the learning process very contemporary.
8. Embeds all Old & New Testament texts into the study guides for convenience & ready reference.
9. Teaches direct inductive Bible study with the use of a four-colored BIC pen to mark-up the texts.
10. Summarizes the learning process at the end with a fun and memorable (paper) T-Shirt Design.
11. Provides the opportunity to go deeper in discipleship through a Drive It Home section.
12. Encourages group leaders to help their members lead future Jesus Studies with their friends.

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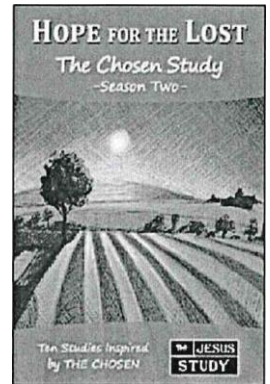
## Jesus Study Guide Resources



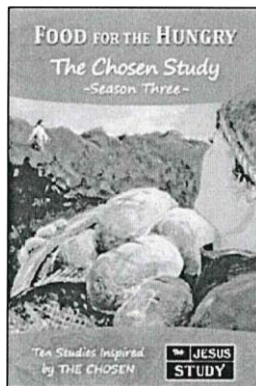
### THE CHOSEN SERIES

The Chosen Study: Season One, focuses on Simon, Matthew, Andrew, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene as they encounter Jesus. This guide, based on the hugely popular show, The Chosen, will give you and your group an in-depth appreciation of their unexpected changes of fortune in getting to know him.

The Chosen Study: Season Two, guides you and your group into Act Two of Jesus' life and ministry with his followers unsure of where this is all going.



Here we meet the remaining disciples, such as Nathanael, who is despondent over a career in shambles, only to be given a new vocation by Jesus. Besides him, there are a host of others with physical, mental, emotional infirmities, and demon-possession that, up to now, have been impossible to overcome.



The Chosen Study: Season Three, picks up where season two ended, with the famous Sermon on the Mount. This sermon sets the stage for the disciples taking a deeper look into their own lives to apply Jesus' teaching and ends with the Feeding of the 5000.

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## Each Guide Section Enhances Your Experience

Jesus Study guides maximize the WATCH > DISCOVER > RELATE process as follows:

- PRIOR To Study helps group leaders prepare
  - INTRO describes the situation and characters
  - WATCH with questions for learning and discussion
  - DISCOVER truths from complementary Bible passages
- RELATE insights from the episode and passage to your life
- T-SHIRT DESIGN to summarize biggest takeaways in a slogan
  - NOTES on textual commentary and historical background
    - REAL But REALISTIC? calls out the show's use of their artistic license
  - DRIVE IT HOME provides an "after study" review, worship and prayer time.

FOR FREE DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES, LEADERSHIP GUIDES, HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR STUDY, AND MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://jesusstudy.org/>

**Don't forget to share your experiences and let us know your thoughts!**

**FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY DISCLAIMER:**

The Chosen Study began in 2016 in Eugene, Oregon by combining various "Jesus films" with Scripture study. In 2019 The Chosen debuted which 1) provided us an outstanding Jesus film series, 2) encouraged the adoption of a global vision, and 3) focused efforts on equipping leaders.

([www.jesusstudy.org/about](http://www.jesusstudy.org/about))

The Chosen Study combines film depiction with Scripture study in a welcoming and interactive experience for all: observers...skeptics...learners...seekers...followers, who watch, discuss, and relate together the most Audacious Story ever told. (The Chosen Study Mission Statement)

The Chosen Study is not part of any PCUSA endorsed curriculum. Instead of focusing on specific theological concepts, it seeks to provide a global vision where all denominations may partake in the study. Specific theological aspects may be considered on an individual study level.

