

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
PRESENTS

RVL
DISCIPLESHIP™
THE STUDY

"A disciple is one who knows God's path and chooses to walk in it, passionately." Ray Vander Laan

Season Two Episode Details

EPISODE 1: The Father's House

Picking up from where we left off at the end of Season 1, RVL begins to lay the foundation of how God established Israel as His first disciple. This episode explores the social construct known as "the father's house" as a metaphor for God's kingdom.

EPISODE 2: The Covenant

As a nation, Israel really became God's disciple when He brought them out of Egypt. But God laid the foundations for this relationship long before the Exodus. This episode examines one of the most important covenants that God made with Israel's ancestor, Abraham—and how that moment would affect everything that followed.

EPISODE 3: The Finest Flour

What does it look like to be a redeeming community, in a practical sense? In this episode, RVL takes us through another Abraham and Sarah story, one that would become an example for God's disciples throughout history.

EPISODE 4: The Image

The cultures of the Bible were used to having images of their gods—shaped or carved representations that communicated a bit about what the gods were like. When God called Israel out of Egypt, they would have to learn that they themselves were meant to be His image on earth. In this episode, RVL examines how Israel would have understood images and how they would have needed to unlearn much from their time in Egypt.

EPISODE 5: The Coin

RVL continues with the discussion on being the image of God from a New Testament context, unpacking Jesus' teachings on the subject.

EPISODE 6: The Desert

Egypt was a kingdom of the eyes, valuing what looked good and prioritizing one's own desires. But when God called Israel as His first disciple, they would need to learn to be people of the ears—living by every word of God instead of what seemed right in their own eyes.

EPISODE 7: The Cry

Why does God allow His people to suffer? RVL approaches this question through the lens of Israel's experience as slaves in Egypt.

EPISODE 8: The Finger of God

When God rescued Israel from Egypt, He did so with dramatic displays of power: the ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and so on. What was this RVL Discipleship: The Study showdown meant to communicate to everyone involved? In this episode, RVL examines the story of the Exodus through the lens of God's great mission in the war against chaos.

EPISODE 9: The Shepherds

As God's first disciple, Israel was meant to join God in the mission to bring shalom to chaos by putting Him on display to the rest of the world. Sometimes they did a great job, and sometimes they failed. In this episode, RVL begins to look at how Jesus fully lived up to this mission by actively seeking the lost.

EPISODE 10: The Lost

In the final episode of Season 2, RVL breaks down Jesus' three-part parable of the lost, examining this teaching as a comprehensive summary of Israel's—and later, Jesus' followers—role in joining God's mission as His disciples.