

The Chosen Episode One: I Have Called You By Name

Read for Bible Study:

Luke 8:1-15 (Mary, Seed Parable, Parable Meanings) Mark 16: 6-11 (Jesus appears to Mary first)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1) It's interesting to see how the religious and political environment looked in Jesus' day.

What kind of people did Jesus spend the least and most time with?

2) What did you think of how Matthew the tax collector and Simon Peter were portrayed?

3) Redeemed, called by name. How can we remind ourselves of this truth and live it out practically?

The Chosen Episode Two: Shabbat

Read for Bible Study:

Deuteronomy 5:12-14 (The Sabbath) Matthew 18:15-17 (Resolving conflict; Tax Collectors) Matthew 17:24-27 (Jesus and Tax Collectors)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1) We rest and honor family, our people, and God on the Sabbath. We refresh our souls.

Rest is a restorative gift. How are you utilizing it? How could you be utilizing it more?

2) Which Sabbath was Jesus a part of? Which Sabbath would you have been at?

3) Simon Peter and Andrew were in a tough position, what do you think about how they handled it?

4) When a miracle happens, are you one to question every detail, or just enjoy and celebrate it?

The Chosen Episode Three: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Read for Bible Study:

Luke 18: 15-17 (Let the children come), Mark 9:42, Mark 3:13-19 (Disciples Appointed)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1) Is it strange for you to think of Jesus as personable?

2) What does it say to you that Jesus so intentionally made time for children? What about the amount of time that he spent with them?

3) "Adults need the faith of children." How can we intentionally make space for this in our faith and life?

4) It was easy for Abigail to tell her friends about Jesus- how easy is it for you?

The Chosen Episode Four: The Rock on Which it is Built

Read for Bible Study:

John 3:1-12 (John the Baptist), John 21 (Miraculous Catch)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

- 1) Jesus provided for Simon's physical need- but the miracle was more than that. He changed Simon's mindset, called him to something more! Not to riches, but to spread the good news for the sake of others' souls. What "soul work" have we been called to?
- 2) John the Baptist was considered a heretic and crazy. If the religious leaders of Jesus' day were constantly missing the point- is it possible that we are missing some of the main points in our Christian culture?
- 3) Share a moment in your life where the miracle of the fish has metaphorically happened for you. When you've thought there was absolutely no way that something would work, but God made it happen.

4) Sometimes we forget how intense the teachings of Jesus were. His parables and teachings were not sanitized, feel-good messages. What do you think the impact of this miracle would have meant in the context of Jesus' time?

The Chosen Episode Five: The Wedding Gift

Read for Bible Study:

John 2: 1-11 (Jesus turns water to wine), Luke 2: 41-52 (The boy Jesus at the temple)

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said "Tell me about your ministry." When's the last time you sat down and talked to someone you might not agree with and simply said "Tell me more"?
- 2) This passage is often viewed as Jesus correcting/ directing his mother, but that's not the path the show takes. What do you think that might have looked like?
- 3) Jesus reassures Thomas that, while it's good to ask questions, that we won't always understand the answers or even get answers. How do you handle this?

The Chosen Episode Six: Indescribable Compassion

Read for Bible Study:

Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus heals the man let down through the roof), Matthew 8:1-4 (Jesus heals a leper), Luke 12: 36-48 (The parable of the servant), Matthew 6: 1-18 (Giving to the needy and prayer)

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) Which part of this episode was the most different from how you imagined it being after reading the passage in Scripture?
- 2) Who would you equate with a tax collector today? A Roman soldier? A Jewish citizen?
- 3) “We can do both”, walking the road that has been laid out for us and also keeping our eyes open. What did you think of Nicodemus’ speech? It’s easy to cling to our God shaped boxes, how do we
- 4) There was a LOT of compassion emphasized in this episode. From not giving publicly to the healing of a leper. How did Jesus preach about and show compassion? Do you think there is a difference between compassion, giving, empathy and good will?

The Chosen Episode Seven: Invitations

Read for Bible Study:

John 3:1-21 (Jesus teaches Nicodemus), Matthew 9: 9-13 (Jesus calls Matthew), Numbers 21:4-9 (Moses and the bronze snake)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

- 1) Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? Especially in comparison to how timid Nicodemus was?
- 2) Have you ever answered a difficult call from Jesus? If yes, how so?
- 3) It can be shocking to read stories like the bronze snake. God demands obedience and faith. What daily habits can we develop and strengthen to become as quick to obedience as Matthew was?

The Chosen Episode Eight: I am He

Read for Bible Study:

Mark 2:13-17 (Jesus eats with sinners), John 4:1-42 (The story of the Woman at the Well)

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The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1) Obedience at the risk of derision and opposition from others, even from our usual way of life, seems impossible. Discuss the different ways people reacted to Jesus' directions, the directions of family, and of peers.

2) Jesus mentions several times that he's not trying to bring people 'easy', nor is he here to deliver them from their oppressive government. What is Jesus' purpose in coming and in bringing His disciples to follow him?

3) Do some self reflection, has there ever been a time in your life where you were as excited about Jesus as the woman at the well was? How can we bring back some of that excitement?

4) Who were the first told about Jesus' birth? Who did He first tell about His ministry? What was their social status'?