

The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 1

“Perception Versus Reality”

Episode Passages – Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 1:5-25; Mark 6:14-29

Study 1

Conversation Starter

What is the most miraculous or supernatural thing you've ever heard or experienced?

Episode Questions

1. God had called John the Baptist to his life's mission before he was born. Do you believe each Christian has been called to a life mission? How do you see God's call on your life playing out today?
2. In the episode, Simon tells Judas they have to stay relatable in order to gather more followers. What are ways we as Christians sabotage our own relatability to reach people for Christ?
3. Judas' expectation of how Jesus was going to bring His Kingdom into this world was very different from Jesus' plan. How have your preconceived expectations caused you to question God's methods?
4. This episode depicted John the Baptist experiencing great peace at the moment of his death. Why do you think he was so at peace in this moment?
5. Who played the part of John the Baptist in your life preparing the way for you to accept Jesus?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Romans 12:1-2
- **Self-Check**
 - In the episode, John was at peace with how he had lived out God's call on his life. What are the things that give you peace about how you are living out God's call on your life?
 - What are some ways the "old you" creeps into your current life as a Jesus follower? What do you do to counteract this tendency?

Continuing the Conversation – How can God use you to "prepare the way" for someone you know to trust in Jesus?

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father for giving you a life mission. Ask Him to help you see ways you could be more "on mission" for Him.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 2

“Forgiveness”

Episode Passages – Matthew 16:13-20; 18:15-35

Study 2

Conversation Starter

Who uses humor to diffuse tense situations? Has it ever backfired? Please share.

Episode Questions

1. Have you ever felt guilty that you weren't more upset when someone close to you passed? Have you ever judged anyone for the way they were grieving?
2. Has your decision to follow Jesus caused division within your family and people close to you? How do you maintain relationship with those who don't believe the way you do?
3. Have you ever wondered why God blessed someone else that you felt wasn't worthy in your eyes? How do you not become bitter toward this person or God?
4. Does a Christian's responsibility end once they've apologized for wronging someone? Why or why not?
5. How do you think the group of Jesus followers were impacted by Peter and Matthew reconciling? How did the scene between Peter and Matthew impact you?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 5:23-24
- **Self-Check**
 - Are you robbing yourself from peace by holding resentment toward someone? What will you do about this?
 - In the episode, Jesus told Matthew that He makes people what they aren't. Since following Jesus, how has God made you what you weren't?

Continuing the Conversation – Do you think you look "different" to people who know you have become a Christian or are a Christian? Who would benefit from seeing God changing you?

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father for His forgiveness toward you. Ask Him to give you the strength to forgive others who have wronged you.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 3

"Blurred Vision"

Episode Passages – John 9

Study 3

Conversation Starter

What is the most thoughtful gift you ever gave or received?

Episode Questions

1. Do you think when God doesn't answer prayer, the person didn't pray hard enough?
2. Is there a right and a wrong way to ask God for things when you pray? Explain.
3. Jesus was asked whose sin caused the blindman's blindness. Do you think God punishes Christians for sinful choices or do Christians suffer the consequence of their sinful choices?
4. Why do you think God answers some prayers the way we want but not all of our prayers the way we want?
5. How do you respond to God when He doesn't answer your prayer?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Isaiah 55:6-9; John 16:16
- **Self-Check**
 - Has your trust in God wavered because He didn't answer a serious prayer request? How can you restore your closeness with Him?
 - What are some of the different ways God has revealed how much He cares for you? (Examples: a song, a Bible passage, a book, an event, something else?)

Continuing the Conversation – How could you encourage someone you know who is discouraged about the way God answers their prayers?

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father for wanting to hear from you and for knowing what is truly best for you.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 4

“Being There”

Episode Passages – Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 10:35-45

Study 4

Conversation Starter

Talk about a time when you were making a meal for your family and it came out really, really bad.

Episode Questions

1. In the episode, Peter said, "I've resented His miracles for others." How do you keep from becoming resentful toward God when He performs a miracle in someone else's life but not yours?
2. Peers, like disciples, have a right to question each other's choices. Do you think it is wrong to question God's choices for your life? Why or why not?
3. Jesus healed and helped people who could never pay Him back. As a Jesus follower, when you think of His command to love others the way He did, what does that mean to you? How can Christians today love others the way Christ did?
4. Jesus was the ransom. Who were the hostages?
5. Jesus taught and lived out the example of sacrificing on a personal level in order to serve others? In today's world, what are ways Jesus followers can sacrifice to help others?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 8:5-13
- **Self-Check**
 - When you've experienced overwhelming loss, did it cause you to be more desperate for closeness with Jesus? How can remembering times like this in your life help you today?
 - How do you overcome feeling unworthy of God's love?

Continuing the Conversation – Is there someone you know that feels unworthy of God's love? How could you speak with them to help them understand the truth about God and His love for everyone He created?

Pray – Thank God for His Son's sacrifice and example for how to live our lives. Ask Him to help you notice someone you could serve this week.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 5

"Best Laid Plans"

Episode Passages – Luke 10:38-42

Study 5

Conversation Starter

Would you describe yourself as the "house prepper" or the "party mingler?"

Episode Questions

1. In this episode, why did Jesus offer to carry the Roman soldiers gear an additional mile? What do you think the disciples thought of Jesus' offer?
2. Yussif left Capernaum hoping to make a difference but soon was discouraged. What are the types of things that disillusion Christians today from having an impact for God's Kingdom?
3. Martha was very frustrated with her sister Mary. Have you ever been frustrated with another Christian because of the way they were serving Jesus? Explain.
4. In the episode, Jesus is very troubled at the spiritual poverty He sees. What is spiritual poverty? What kinds of spiritual poverty have you seen in present times?
5. In the episode, Judas goes back to his previous employer who offers him worldly advice. Have you ever gone back to get advice from the wrong people?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 5:41
- **Self-Check**
 - Do you struggle to "go the extra mile" to serve someone else? Is there someone you could sacrifice for that their thinking would be impacted for God's Kingdom?
 - Where are you caught up more in accomplishing tasks in this world and less involved in spending quality time with Christ taking in His life changing words? What could you change today to grow in this area?

Continuing the Conversation – Is there someone you know that has been disillusioned by something that happened to them within a Christianity community? Could you have a conversation with them that God could use to bring healing?

Pray – Thank God for His Son's willingness to go the extra mile on your behalf. Ask Him to show you how you could do something extra for someone else.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 6

“The Shepherd and the Thieves”

Episode Passages – John 10

Study 6

Conversation Starter

Share one of your favorite holiday celebration memories.

Episode Questions

1. What do you think God's purpose was in having more than one disciple record the events they witnessed while they traveled with Jesus?
2. In the episode, Thomas is pictured as being bitter and confused by Jesus' choices of when to heal and not to heal people. How can Christians today help each other to not become bitter toward God for previous disappointments?
3. Jesus taught His followers to see God as their "heavenly Father." When you think of God as a loving, protective Father who wants the best for His children, how does that make you feel? How does it or could it change how you interact with Him?
4. Jesus often spoke to His disciples in parables like He did using sheep and shepherds as illustrations. Have you ever had times where you wished Jesus would just clearly tell you what He wants you to do? Share one of these times with the group?
5. The disciples lived in danger most of the time because of their faith in the Messiah. What's the scariest thing you've ever done because of your faith?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Isaiah 55:8-9; Proverbs 3:5-6
- **Self-Check**
 - What are some events in your life that at the time were painful to go through but God revealed Himself to you and strengthened your faith in Him?
 - When facing adversity, what's your first response? Do you seek God first or something or someone else? Do you need to change your default response?

Continuing the Conversation – Has someone you know ever asked you, "If God really cares for me, why does He let bad things happen to me?" What did or would you say to them? How could you encourage them?

Pray – Thank God for loving you, forgiving you, and for never giving up on you.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 7

"The Resurrection and the Life"

Episode Passages – John 11

Study 7

Conversation Starter

When was the last time you stayed up all night? What was the occasion?

Episode Questions

1. Do you think it was cruel or insensitive that Jesus allowed Lazarus to die and all of his loved ones to experience such loss? Why or why not?
2. What did Jesus mean when He told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life?"
3. Why do you think Jesus wept after His conversations with Mary and Martha?
4. In the episode, Jesus told the risen Lazarus there was a higher plan. What do you think He was talking about?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose suffering and death as the way to save humanity from their sins? Couldn't there have been a less painful way?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Psalm 13; John 11:21-26
- **Self-Check**
 - Have you ever felt like God has forgotten you? What restored your trust in His unfailing love for you?
 - When you think about the promise of eternal life and your future resurrection, how does it help you persevere through difficulties, doubts, pain and confusion that you are forced to deal with?

Continuing the Conversation – Who can you think of that may be going through a difficult time that could use the encouragement that comes from trusting in Jesus?

Pray – Thank God for His promise to resurrect you and the hope and comfort it brings you now.



The Chosen – Season 4 – Episode 8

“Arriving in Peace”

Episode Passages – Matthew 25:31-46

Study 8

Conversation Starter

What is a family heirloom or treasure that is meaningful to you?

Episode Questions

1. Why do you think the Jewish religious leaders were so skeptical about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? Have you ever had a difficult time when trying to convince someone about something God did in your life?
2. This episode highlighted many Passover traditions that may have been difficult for non-Jewish people to understand. As a modern day Christian, do you think our faith has a lot of traditions that could be confusing to a new Christian or someone outside the faith?
3. In the episode, why do you think the Pharisee, Shmuel, was more against Jesus after his conversation with Him?
4. What new commandment did Jesus give? What does practicing that command look like for you as a Christian today?
5. How hard do you think it was for the disciples to enter Jerusalem with Jesus knowing how much animosity there was toward Him? Do you think you would have stayed with Him?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read John 10:14-16
- **Self-Check**
 - Jesus taught that His followers know His voice and that He knows each of them by name. Do you struggle to believe He knows every detail about you and still wants to be close with you?
 - What are you hoping that Jesus, the Messiah, will do for you or in your life right now?

Continuing the Conversation – What parts of your story of faith could be quite convincing to someone seeking God? Who could you have a conversation with?

Pray – Thank God for sending Jesus to be your personal Messiah.

