

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

SEASON 2 / EPISODE 6



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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

EPISODE 6

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Psalm 20:7
- ▶ Luke 6:6-11
- ▶ John 8:1-3
- ▶ Matthew 12:1-18
- ▶ 1 Samuel 21:1-6
- ▶ Psalm 19:7

KEY CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Ramah, David, Abiathar, Matthew, Peter, Pharisees (Schmuel, Yanni), Elam (man with withered hand)

The Big Idea:

What is your one BIG idea from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you first share with someone about this episode and how God spoke to you through it?)

Bring to Group:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. So much is going on in this episode!
 - The search for Mary by Peter and Matthew
 - Mary's restoration
 - John the Baptist's arrest
 - Pharisees plotting
 - Healing of man with withered handWhich of these stories within the story was most powerful to you and why?
3. While the search for Mary Magdalene and her fall from grace are not a part of scripture, what **IS** true about how Jesus searches for the lost and restores the sinner? Support your thoughts with scripture. How have **you** experienced forgiveness from the Lord?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. Mary said to Peter, "He already fixed me once. I'm broke again. I can't face him." It's a common fear after our failure. Have you ever felt that, and how did you press through it? What would you tell someone who feels that they can't face Jesus because of their failure?
5. Some have expressed concern about the creative license with dialogue and story that *The Chosen* sometimes displays. Why is it important to be able to distinguish between what is in the scriptural narrative and what is not?
6. The Pharisees are seen plotting and squabbling about Jesus. Why are they so concerned about Him? What do you like about them? What do you dislike?
7. Phillip and Andrew are hit hard by the news of John the Baptist's arrest. Jesus also is emotional over it. Mary is missing. The food supply is short. Things seem bad. How do we respond when things seem to be falling apart around us? Why were the disciples shocked by Jesus' decision to "pray" about things? Why is it hard for us to see prayer as a first step toward dealing with life's issues?
8. The episode began with a flashback to David. It ends with the disciples eating grain. What was Jesus teaching about the Sabbath and our relationship to it?

QUOTES

"What if you were cut off from Jesus by something in your past? Would you want help getting back to him as soon as possible?" - Matthew

"Did you really think he would never struggle or sin again?" - Jesus

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

- A frequently asked question about the series is "How do I know what is in the Bible and what creative dialogue or story has been added to help us grasp the overall narrative?" We'd encourage you to consider reading through the gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. A wonderful way to do this is with the *CSB Christ Chronological Bible*. Visit dontgo.be/gospels for a link to the Amazon page for this wonderful resource.

