

# Small Group Guide

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 1: HOMECOMING  
(61 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount)  
Luke 8:2-3; 24:10 (Joanna mentioned)  
Matthew 6:33 (Seek first)  
Isaiah 61:1 (Prophecy about Jesus)  
Numbers 6:24-26 (The Lord bless you...)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Alpheus and Elisheva,  
Joanna, Yussif, Jairus, Mary, Ramah, Tamar,  
John the baptizer

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) The Sermon on the Mount was said to have “something for everyone.” What statement stood out to you and why?
- 2) Did Jesus know Judas’ future when He said “Follow me?” Discuss the implications.
- 3) How did that make you feel seeing Matthew tell Mary he had no place to go?
- 4) Why do you think Yussif left his letter unsealed when he gave it to Jairus?
- 5) What can we learn from the scene where Andrew apologizes to Mary?
- 6) Jesus asks Judas, “Are you ready to do hard things?” How does this question apply to us today as followers of Jesus?

### QUOTE:

**Jesus to Judas:** “Are you ready to do hard things?”

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 2: TWO BY TWO  
(70 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 10:1-12, Luke 9:1-6 (Jesus sends out the 12 disciples)

Matthew 5:23-24 (offerings & reconciliation)

Psalms 3:1-8 (How many foes...)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Eden, Gaius, Atticus, Quintus, Alpheus, Elisheva, Mary, Ramah, Tamar, the people in the tent city

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

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### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) Watching Matthew at home with his parents: Has there been a time where you have had to pursue reconciliation? How did you feel leading up to the moment? How did you feel after?
- 2) What is the importance of Christians being fully reconciled with one another?
- 3) We begin to realize in this episode the real danger for Simon Zee to be a disciple. What does this communicate about us genuinely following Jesus?
- 4) What is "an apostle"?
- 5) How would you feel being sent out, having to be fully reliant on God for everything? What does it mean to fully rely on God?
- 6) Take time to discuss the encounter between Little James and Jesus. What did you think about it? How does it make you feel?

### QUOTE:

**Jesus (to His disciples):** "Listen to Me... None of you are what you were."

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 3: PHYSICIAN, HEAL YOURSELF  
(53 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Luke 4:16-30, Mark 6:1-6 (Jesus rejected in Nazareth)

Isaiah 61:1-3 (The year of the Lord)

1 Kings 17:7-16 (Elijah and the widow)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus (as an adult and a child), Mary, the disciples, Lazarus, Mary and Martha, Rafi and Dinah, Rabbi Benjamin, Joseph

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) When reading from Isaiah 61, Why do you think Jesus stopped before the line "...the day of vengeance"?
- 2) What was the importance of Isaiah 61:1-3 to the religious leaders of the time? What is its importance to us today as Christians?
- 3) What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the Law of Moses"?
- 4) Jesus passes through the crowd (Luke 4:30). How have you envisioned this to happen?
- 5) Discuss the symbolism of the bit and bridle (*no turning back*), and what this had to do with this point in Jesus' life and ministry.
- 6) What was the significance of the stories of Elijah from 1 Kings 17:7-16?

### QUOTE:

**Jesus (in the synagogue):** "I'm not here for vengeance, I'm here for salvation."

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 4: CLEAN—PART 1  
(59 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Luke 9:1-6 & Matthew 10:5-12 (Jesus sends out the 12 disciples)  
Luke 10:1-17 (Jesus sends out the 72)  
Leviticus 15 (Laws about bodily fluids, including the discharge of blood)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Yussif, Jairus, Eden, Veronica, Mary, Tamar, Zebedee, Mikal, Nili, Gaius

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) How would you feel being one of the 12 apostles healing people? What would it do for your faith?
- 2) What was the purpose of those healings?
- 3) It was thought that illnesses and/or demonic oppression were brought on by personal sin or past family sin as a punishment by God. What does the gospel of Jesus tell us about such things?
- 4) During the scene where the Pharisees and Judges are discussing Jesus, Shmuel seems to become uncomfortable or troubled. What do you think he was experiencing?
- 5) What is the significance of Simon and Gaius' conversation/interaction?

### QUOTES:

**Jairus, talking to Yussif about Jesus:**  
"I see light, Rabbi."

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 5: CLEAN—PART 2  
(48 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56 (Jairus' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood)

Matthew 9:14-17 (fasting & the bridegroom, old/new wineskins)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Zebedee & Salome, Eden, Veronica, Gaius, Yussif, Jairus, Mikal, Nili, Mary, Tamar, Rabbi Akiva

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) This episode shows two people's desperation and their faith in Jesus (Jairus and Veronica). What does this teach us about our faith journey with Jesus?
- 2) We see Jesus teaching very spontaneously and organically (as opposed to purposefully organizing people to be taught). How do these "teachable moments" impact the disciples and the way we see Jesus' ministry?
- 3) What is the difference between "the touch" Jesus receives from Veronica versus the people in the crowd pressing in?
- 4) What is the significance/importance of Jesus calling Veronica "daughter" and cradling her face with His hands?
- 5) Why did Jesus take only Simon, James, and John to Jairus' house?

### QUOTE:

**Veronica to Nathanael and Thaddeus:**

"I've come all this way and I've waited so long to meet Him"

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 6: INTENSITY IN TENT CITY  
(72 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 27:19 (Pilate's wife's dream)  
Luke 7:18-28 (John the Baptist's followers find Jesus)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Pontius Pilate & his wife, Quintus, Gaius, Atticus, Leander, Mary, Tamar, Zebedee, zealots, Avner & Nadab (John's disciples), Rabbi Akiva, Barnaby & Shula, Eden

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) A common theme through this episode is choices we make and where we find our identity. How does our relationship with Jesus impact these things in our lives?
- 2) Why is it so hard to let go of our pasts?
- 3) Simon Zee has the opportunity to witness to the zealots about Jesus. How can we be witnesses in our everyday lives?
- 4) What was the purpose of John the baptizer sending his disciples to Jesus?
- 5) How does Jesus' response to John affect your understanding of "fair" and what is right?

### QUOTE:

**Tamar to Mary:** "I am sorry for the pain and regret you feel... but Jesus forgave you and you choose to hold onto it."

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 7: EARS TO HEAR  
(65 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Luke 14:15-24 (parable of the banquet)  
Isaiah 43:16-19 (See, I am doing a new thing)  
Isaiah 42:1 (Here is my servant...)  
Esther 9:20-29 (The celebration of Purim)  
Mark 7:31-37 (Jesus heals the deaf/mute man)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, Ramah, Mary, Tamar, Shmuel, Atticus, Gaius & his family, the shepherd (from the Christmas special), Zebedee, Leander, the deaf/mute man

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) This episode opens with the celebration of Purim. What was the importance of these celebrations to the Jewish people?
- 2) What made the “Parable of the Wedding Banquet” seem so divisive to the people in the Decapolis? (*Think about what the Decapolis was—where it was located*)
- 3) As you watched the flashback of Matthew’s encounter with the Shepherd, what came to mind about faith and trusting God.
- 4) What were “*the tassels*” and why were they so valuable?
- 5) What did Mary mean when she told Matthew, “That man wanted you to have his faith.”?
- 6) What was the significance of showing Jesus cleaning up after dinner?

### QUOTE:

#### **The Shepherd to Matthew:**

“I have seen everything I need to see, and I am ready to meet my maker... again.”

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## The CHOSEN

Episode 8: SUSTENANCE  
(76 minutes)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Psalm 77 (I cried out to God for help...)  
Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6 (feeding the 5,000)  
Luke 8:4-15 (parable of the sower)

### CHARACTERS:

Jesus, the disciples, David, Bathsheba, Asaph, Nashon, Nabateans, Hellenistic Jews, Greeks, Zebedee, Salome, Mary, Eden, Shmuel & Pharisees, Atticus

### THE TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stood out to you most about this episode? (What person/event captured your imagination? What quote impacted you?)
- 2) Which character stood out to you most? (Why were they interesting to you? How do you identify with them?)

### MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) What does Jesus mean when He offers us to “take His yoke”?
- 2) What does Jesus mean when He says, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear”?
- 3) Leander asks Jesus, ““Jesus of Nazareth; if You are who You say You are, why do You inspire and transform some people, but threaten and disgust others?” In what way is this true today?
- 4) The feeding of the 5,000 is one of the only stories outside of passion week told by all 4 gospel authors. Why is it so significant?
- 5) What do you think Shmuel was troubled about?
- 6) Simon walked on water for a few steps. What happens that causes him to sink?

### QUOTE:

#### Man to the Pharisees on the road:

“I tell them God performs a miracle and they say, ‘But He ate with the wrong people.’”