

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

episode four

STUDY GUIDE



THE CHOSEN IS THE FIRST-EVER MULTI-SEASON TV SHOW ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS. CREATED OUTSIDE OF THE HOLLYWOOD SYSTEM, THE CHOSEN ALLOWS US TO SEE HIM THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.



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Terms:

EEMA, RABBI, HERETIC,
JORDAN RIVER, PARABLE,
SANHEDRIN

Characters:

NICODEMUS, JESUS, JAMES,
JOHN, ZEBEDEE,
JOHN THE BAPTIST,
MATTHEW, SIMON, ANDREW

Scripture:

LUKE 5:1-11
MATTHEW 3:1-7
MATTHEW 13:47-50
JOHN 1:35-41

WHAT QUOTE OR SCENE FROM THIS EPISODE WAS THE MOST MEANINGFUL OR IMPACTFUL TO YOU? WHY?
WHICH CHARACTERS STOOD OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

1. HAVE YOU EVER CRIED OUT TO GOD IN ANGER BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT SEEING HIS HELP? DO YOU THINK IT IS OK TO EXPRESS YOUR ANGER AND DISAPPOINTMENT TO GOD? HOW DO YOU IMAGINE GOD RESPONDS?
2. DO YOU BELIEVE GOD ALLOWS ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES INTO YOUR LIFE TO DRAW YOU BACK TO HIM?
3. REFLECT ON THE REACTION OF ZEBEDEE TOWARD HIS SONS. HOW WOULD YOU REACT IF SOMEONE YOU LOVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS WITHOUT HESITATION? HOW CAN YOU FOLLOW JESUS MORE FULLY?
4. AFTER JESUS PERFORMED THE MIRACLE OF THE FISH, HE STEPPED BACK AND ALLOWED THE FISHERMEN TO HAUL IN THE CATCH. WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS SAYS ABOUT HOW MIRACLES WORK IN OUR OWN LIVES?
5. WHEN SIMON SAYS "DEPART FROM ME; I AM A SINFUL MAN," JESUS KNEELS DOWN TO GET TO HIS EYE LEVEL TO INVITE HIM TO "FOLLOW ME." WHAT DID THIS CONVERSATION REVEAL TO YOU?

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TERMS

EEMA - JEWISH WORD FOR MOTHER.

RABBI - A JEWISH SCHOLAR OR TEACHER, ESPECIALLY ONE WHO STUDIES OR TEACHES JEWISH LAW.

HERETIC - ANYONE WHO REJECTS DOCTRINES PRESCRIBED BY THE CHURCH.

JORDAN RIVER - THE JORDAN RIVER RUNS THROUGH THE LAND AND HISTORY OF THE BIBLE, GIVING ITS WATERS A SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT SETS IT ASIDE FROM OTHER RIVERS. THE JORDAN IS SIGNIFICANT FOR JEWS BECAUSE THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL UNDER JOSHUA CROSSED THE RIVER ON DRY GROUND TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND AFTER YEARS OF WANDERING IN THE DESERT. IT IS SIGNIFICANT FOR CHRISTIANS BECAUSE JOHN THE BAPTIST BAPTIZED JESUS IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN.

PARABLE - A SIMPLE STORY USED TO ILLUSTRATE A MORAL OR SPIRITUAL LESSON, AS TOLD BY JESUS IN THE GOSPELS.

SANHEDRIN - THE GREAT SANHEDRIN (WHICH IN GREEK MEANS 'A SITTING TOGETHER' OR 'COUNCIL') WAS THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE JEWS WHO MET WITHIN JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE. THE SANHEDRIN WAS LIKE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN THAT THEY WERE THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON DECISIONS THAT AFFECTED THE RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL LIFE OF ALL JEWS. ONLY CHIEF PRIESTS, ELDERS, AND SCRIBES WERE ELIGIBLE TO SIT ON THE COUNCIL.

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THIS EPISODE:

LUKE 5:1-11 - WHILE THE PEOPLE PRESSED UPON HIM TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, HE WAS STANDING BY THE LAKE OF GENNESARET. 2 AND HE SAW TWO BOATS BY THE LAKE; BUT THE FISHERMEN HAD GONE OUT OF THEM AND WERE WASHING THEIR NETS. 3 GETTING INTO ONE OF THE BOATS, WHICH WAS SIMON'S, HE ASKED HIM TO PUT OUT A LITTLE FROM THE LAND. AND HE SAT DOWN AND TAUGHT THE PEOPLE FROM THE BOAT. 4 AND WHEN HE HAD CEASED SPEAKING, HE SAID TO SIMON, "PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH." 5 AND SIMON ANSWERED, "MASTER, WE TOILED ALL NIGHT AND TOOK NOTHING! BUT AT YOUR WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS." 6 AND WHEN THEY HAD DONE THIS, THEY ENCLOSED A GREAT SHOAL OF FISH; AND AS THEIR NETS WERE BREAKING, 7 THEY BECKONED TO THEIR PARTNERS IN THE OTHER BOAT TO COME AND HELP THEM. AND THEY CAME AND FILLED BOTH THE BOATS, SO THAT THEY BEGAN TO SINK. 8 BUT WHEN SIMON PETER SAW IT, HE FELL DOWN AT JESUS' KNEES, SAYING, "DEPART FROM ME, FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN, O LORD." 9 FOR HE WAS ASTONISHED, AND ALL THAT WERE WITH HIM, AT THE CATCH OF FISH WHICH THEY HAD TAKEN; 10 AND SO ALSO WERE JAMES AND JOHN, SONS OF ZEBEDEE, WHO WERE PARTNERS WITH SIMON. AND JESUS SAID TO SIMON, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; HENCEFORTH YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN." 11 AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR BOATS TO LAND, THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MATTHEW 3:1-7 - IN THOSE DAYS CAME JOHN THE BAPTIST, PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA, 2 "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND." 3 FOR THIS IS HE WHO WAS SPOKEN OF BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH WHEN HE SAID, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT." 4 NOW JOHN WORE A GARMENT OF CAMEL'S HAIR, AND A LEATHER GIRDLE AROUND HIS WAIST; AND HIS FOOD WAS LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY. 5 THEN WENT OUT TO HIM JERUSALEM AND ALL JUDEA AND ALL THE REGION ABOUT THE JORDAN, 6 AND THEY WERE BAPTIZED BY HIM IN THE RIVER JORDAN, CONFESSING THEIR SINS. 7 BUT WHEN HE SAW MANY OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES COMING FOR BAPTISM, HE SAID TO THEM, "YOU BROOD OF VIPERS! WHO WARNED YOU TO FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME?"

MATTHEW 13:47-50 - 47 "AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A NET WHICH WAS THROWN INTO THE SEA AND GATHERED FISH OF EVERY KIND; 48 WHEN IT WAS FULL, MEN DREW IT ASHORE AND SAT DOWN AND SORTED THE GOOD INTO VESSELS BUT THREW AWAY THE BAD. 49 SO IT WILL BE AT THE CLOSE OF THE AGE. THE ANGELS WILL COME OUT AND SEPARATE THE EVIL FROM THE RIGHTEOUS, 50 AND THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE; THERE MEN WILL WEEP AND GNASH THEIR TEETH.

JOHN 1:35-41 - 35 THE NEXT DAY AGAIN JOHN WAS STANDING WITH TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES; 36 AND HE LOOKED AT JESUS AS HE WALKED, AND SAID, "BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!" 37 THE TWO DISCIPLES HEARD HIM SAY THIS, AND THEY FOLLOWED JESUS. 38 JESUS TURNED, AND SAW THEM FOLLOWING, AND SAID TO THEM, "WHAT DO YOU SEEK?" AND THEY SAID TO HIM, "RABBI" (WHICH MEANS TEACHER), "WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?" 39 HE SAID TO THEM, "COME AND SEE." THEY CAME AND SAW WHERE HE WAS STAYING; AND THEY STAYED WITH HIM THAT DAY, FOR IT WAS ABOUT THE TENTH HOUR. 40 ONE OF THE TWO WHO HEARD JOHN SPEAK, AND FOLLOWED HIM, WAS ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER. 41 HE FIRST FOUND HIS BROTHER SIMON, AND SAID TO HIM, "WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH" (WHICH MEANS CHRIST).