

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

episode seven

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:

CAPERNAUM
PRAETOR
PHARISEE

Characters:

NICODEMUS, JESUS,
MARY MAGDALENE,
MATTHEW

Scripture:

NUMBERS 21:4-9
JOHN 3:1-21
PSALM 2:11-12
MARK 2:14

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. IS IT HARD FOR YOU TO GRASP THE GENEROUS GIFT OF SALVATION FOR "WHOEVER" THAT GOD GAVE US BY SENDING HIS SON TO THE WORLD?
2. JESUS TELLS NICODEMUS THERE IS A LOT HE WOULD GIVE UP, BUT MUCH MORE HE WOULD GAIN IN FOLLOWING HIM. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE A HARD TIME GIVING UP FROM FOLLOWING CHRIST?
3. DO YOU STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS WOULD INVITE YOU TO HELP HIM BUILD HIS KINGDOM? WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REASSURE YOURSELF OF HIS BELIEF IN YOU?

EPISODE SEVEN

show notes

EPISODE TITLE: INVITATIONS
EPISODE LENGTH: 37:10 MINUTES

TALKING POINTS

- OPENING SCENE WITH MOSES AND THE BRONZE SERPENT
- CONVERSATION BETWEEN NICODEMUS AND HIS WIFE, ZOHARA, AND HER REACTION
- JESUS GOING ALONE TO PRAY
- NICODEMUS COMING AT NIGHT TO MEET WITH JESUS AND FALLING AT HIS FEET IN WONDER
- MATTHEW ACCEPTING JESUS' CALL TO FOLLOW HIM IMMEDIATELY

TERMS:

CAPERNAUM - A CITY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT IN SCRIPTURE BECAUSE CAPERNAUM WAS THE CHOSEN HOME CITY OF JESUS AFTER HE WAS DRIVEN FROM NAZARETH BY THE RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS.

PRAETOR - AN ANCIENT ROMAN MAGISTRATE RANKING BELOW A CONSUL AND HAVING CHIEFLY JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

PHARISEE - A MEMBER OF A JEWISH SECT NOTED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF RITES AND CEREMONIES OF THE WRITTEN LAW AND FOR INSISTENCE ON THE VALIDITY OF THEIR OWN ORAL TRADITIONS CONCERNING THE LAW

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THIS EPISODE:

NUMBERS 21:4-9 - FROM MOUNT HOR THEY SET OUT BY THE WAY TO THE RED SEA, TO GO AROUND THE LAND OF EDOM; AND THE PEOPLE BECAME IMPATIENT ON THE WAY. 5 AND THE PEOPLE SPOKE AGAINST GOD AND AGAINST MOSES, "WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT US UP OUT OF EGYPT TO DIE IN THE WILDERNESS? FOR THERE IS NO FOOD AND NO WATER, AND WE LOATHE THIS WORTHLESS FOOD." 6 THEN THE LORD SENT FIERY SERPENTS AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND THEY BIT THE PEOPLE, SO THAT MANY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DIED. 7 AND THE PEOPLE CAME TO MOSES, AND SAID, "WE HAVE SINNED, FOR WE HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST YOU; PRAY TO THE LORD, THAT HE TAKE AWAY THE SERPENTS FROM US." SO MOSES PRAYED FOR THE PEOPLE. 8 AND THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "MAKE A FIERY SERPENT, AND SET IT ON A POLE; AND EVERY ONE WHO IS BITTEN, WHEN HE SEES IT, SHALL LIVE." 9 SO MOSES MADE A BRONZE SERPENT, AND SET IT ON A POLE; AND IF A SERPENT BIT ANY MAN, HE WOULD LOOK AT THE BRONZE SERPENT AND LIVE.

JOHN 3:1-21 - NOW THERE WAS A MAN OF THE PHARISEES, NAMED NICODEMUS, A RULER OF THE JEWS. 2 THIS MAN CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT AND SAID TO HIM, "RABBI, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A TEACHER COME FROM GOD; FOR NO ONE CAN DO THESE SIGNS THAT YOU DO, UNLESS GOD IS WITH HIM." 3 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN ANEW, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD." 4 NICODEMUS SAID TO HIM, "HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD? CAN HE ENTER A SECOND TIME INTO HIS MOTHER'S WOMB AND BE BORN?" 5 JESUS ANSWERED, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD. 6 THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. 7 DO NOT MARVEL THAT I SAID TO YOU, 'YOU MUST BE BORN ANEW.' 8 THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WILLS, AND YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF IT, BUT YOU DO NOT KNOW WHENCE IT COMES OR WHITHER IT GOES; SO IT IS WITH EVERY ONE WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT." 9 NICODEMUS SAID TO HIM, "HOW CAN THIS BE?" 10 JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "ARE YOU A TEACHER OF ISRAEL, AND YET YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS? 11 TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WE SPEAK OF WHAT WE KNOW, AND BEAR WITNESS TO WHAT WE HAVE SEEN; BUT YOU DO NOT RECEIVE OUR TESTIMONY. 12 IF I HAVE TOLD YOU EARTHLY THINGS AND YOU DO NOT BELIEVE, HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IF I TELL YOU HEAVENLY THINGS? 13 NO ONE HAS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN BUT HE WHO DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, THE SON OF MAN. 14 AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP, 15 THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." 16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 17 FOR GOD SENT THE SON INTO THE WORLD, NOT TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. 18 HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED; HE WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD. 19 AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT, THAT THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. 20 FOR EVERY ONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE EXPOSED. 21 BUT HE WHO DOES WHAT IS TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, THAT IT MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN THAT HIS DEEDS HAVE BEEN WROUGHT IN GOD.

PSALM 2:12 - KISS THE SON, LEST HE BE ANGRY, AND YOU PERISH IN THE WAY, WHEN HIS WRATH IS KINDLED BUT A LITTLE. BLESSED ARE ALL THOSE WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.

MARK 2:14 - AND AS HE PASSED ON, HE SAW LEVI THE SON OF ALPHEUS SITTING AT THE TAX OFFICE, AND HE SAID TO HIM, "FOLLOW ME." AND HE ROSE AND FOLLOWED HIM.