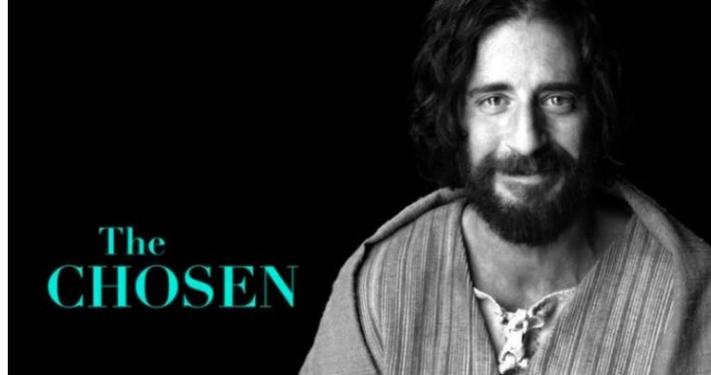


SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

episode eight

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:

EL SHADDAI
SAMARIA

Characters:

JESUS, NICODEMUS,
MARY MAGDALENE,
MATTHEW, ANDREW, SIMON,
EDEN, EDEN'S MOTHER,
PHOTINA

Scripture:

MATTHEW 9:9-13
HOSEA 6:6
LUKE 4:38-39
JOHN 4:1-42

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. AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE, JESUS SAYS TO THE PHARISEES, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK." WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT JESUS EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?
2. NICODEMUS, THOUGH HE FELL TO HIS KNEES AT JESUS' FEET, COULD NOT LEAVE TO FOLLOW HIM FULLY. HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO MATTHEW'S QUICK ACCEPTANCE OF HIS CALL? WHY DO YOU THINK THEY RESPONDED SO DIFFERENTLY? WHO CAN YOU RELATE TO MORE?
3. WHAT KIND OF STATEMENT WAS JESUS MAKING WHEN HE CHOSE TO TALK TO A SAMARITAN WOMAN?
4. HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU WERE AS EXCITED ABOUT JESUS AS THE WOMAN AT THE WELL WAS? HOW CAN WE SUMMON THAT SAME EXCITEMENT?

EPISODE EIGHT

show notes

EPISODE TITLE: I AM HE
EPISODE LENGTH: 52:31 MINUTES

TALKING POINTS:

- OPENING SCENE WITH JACOB'S WELL
- DINNER AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE
- JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH EDEN AND HEALING HER MOTHER
- THE DISCIPLES REACTION TO TRAVELING THROUGH SAMARIA
- NICODEMUS CHOOSING TO NOT FOLLOW JESUS
- JESUS CONVERSATION WITH PHOTINA

TERMS:

EL SHADDAI - ONE OF THE NAMES OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL. EL SHADDAI IS CONVENTIONALLY TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH AS "GOD ALMIGHTY."

SAMARIA - A REGION NORTH OF JERUSALEM THAT WAS SEPARATED FROM THE SOUTHERN TRIBES OF ISRAEL, A LONG HISTORIC RIFT EXISTED BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF SAMARIA AND THE JEWS

CLOSING DISCUSSION POINTS:

- AS WE FINISH SEASON ONE OF "THE CHOSEN" WHICH CHARACTER CAN YOU MOST RELATE TO AS YOU THINK ABOUT THEIR VARIOUS SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS? WHY?
- IN WHAT WAYS DID "THE CHOSEN" INCREASE YOUR HUNGER FOR SCRIPTURE? OR FOR JESUS HIMSELF?
- HOW HAS WATCHING "THE CHOSEN" DEEPENED YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RICH ORTHODOX TRADITIONS, THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS, AND OUR ICONOGRAPHY?
- IN WHAT WAYS HAS YOUR IMPRESSION OR UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS BEEN SHARPENED, CHALLENGED, OR CHANGED AS A RESULT OF VIEWING THIS FIRST SEASON OF "THE CHOSEN"?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THIS EPISODE:

MATTHEW 9:9-13 - AS JESUS PASSED ON FROM THERE, HE SAW A MAN CALLED MATTHEW SITTING AT THE TAX OFFICE; AND HE SAID TO HIM, "FOLLOW ME." AND HE ROSE AND FOLLOWED HIM. 10 AND AS HE SAT AT TABLE IN THE HOUSE, BEHOLD, MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS CAME AND SAT DOWN WITH JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES. 11 AND WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS, THEY SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?" 12 BUT WHEN HE HEARD IT, HE SAID, "THOSE WHO ARE WELL HAVE NO NEED OF A PHYSICIAN, BUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK. 13 GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS, 'I DESIRE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE.' FOR I CAME NOT TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

HOSEA 6:6 - FOR I DESIRE MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE, AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD MORE THAN BURNT OFFERINGS.

LUKE 4:38-39 - AND HE AROSE AND LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, AND ENTERED SIMON'S HOUSE. NOW SIMON'S MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS ILL WITH A HIGH FEVER, AND THEY BESOUGHT HIM FOR HER. 39 AND HE STOOD OVER HER AND REBUKED THE FEVER, AND IT LEFT HER; AND IMMEDIATELY SHE ROSE AND SERVED THEM.

JOHN 4:3-38 - HE LEFT JUDEA AND DEPARTED AGAIN TO GALILEE. 4 HE HAD TO PASS THROUGH SAMARIA. 5 SO HE CAME TO A CITY OF SAMARIA, CALLED SYCHAR, NEAR THE FIELD THAT JACOB GAVE TO HIS SON JOSEPH. 6 JACOB'S WELL WAS THERE, AND SO JESUS, WEARIED AS HE WAS WITH HIS JOURNEY, SAT DOWN BESIDE THE WELL. IT WAS ABOUT THE SIXTH HOUR. 7 THERE CAME A WOMAN OF SAMARIA TO DRAW WATER. JESUS SAID TO HER, "GIVE ME A DRINK." 8 FOR HIS DISCIPLES HAD GONE AWAY INTO THE CITY TO BUY FOOD. 9 THE SAMARITAN WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "HOW IS IT THAT YOU, A JEW, ASK A DRINK OF ME, A WOMAN OF SAMARIA?" FOR JEWS HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH SAMARITANS. 10 JESUS ANSWERED HER, "IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD, AND WHO IT IS THAT IS SAYING TO YOU, 'GIVE ME A DRINK,' YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER." 11 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "SIR, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DRAW WITH, AND THE WELL IS DEEP; WHERE DO YOU GET THAT LIVING WATER? 12 ARE YOU GREATER THAN OUR FATHER JACOB, WHO GAVE US THE WELL, AND DRANK FROM IT HIMSELF, AND HIS SONS, AND HIS CATTLE?" 13 JESUS SAID TO HER, "EVERY ONE WHO DRINKS OF THIS WATER WILL THIRST AGAIN, 14 BUT WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL NEVER THIRST; THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM WILL BECOME IN HIM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE." 15 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER, THAT I MAY NOT THIRST, NOR COME HERE TO DRAW." 16 JESUS SAID TO HER, "GO, CALL YOUR HUSBAND, AND COME HERE." 17 THE WOMAN ANSWERED HIM, "I HAVE NO HUSBAND." JESUS SAID TO HER, "YOU ARE RIGHT IN SAYING, 'I HAVE NO HUSBAND'; 18 FOR YOU HAVE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS, AND HE WHOM YOU NOW HAVE IS NOT YOUR HUSBAND; THIS YOU SAID TRULY." 19 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "SIR, I PERCEIVE THAT YOU ARE A PROPHET. 20 OUR FATHERS WORSHIPED ON THIS MOUNTAIN; AND YOU SAY THAT IN JERUSALEM IS THE PLACE WHERE MEN OUGHT TO WORSHIP." 21 JESUS SAID TO HER, "WOMAN, BELIEVE ME, THE HOUR IS COMING WHEN NEITHER ON THIS MOUNTAIN NOR IN JERUSALEM WILL YOU WORSHIP THE FATHER. 22 YOU WORSHIP WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW; WE WORSHIP WHAT WE KNOW, FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWS. 23 BUT THE HOUR IS COMING, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, FOR SUCH THE FATHER SEEKS TO WORSHIP HIM. 24 GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH." 25 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "I KNOW THAT MESSIAH IS COMING (HE WHO IS CALLED CHRIST); WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL SHOW US ALL THINGS." 26 JESUS SAID TO HER, "I WHO SPEAK TO YOU AM HE." 27 JUST THEN HIS DISCIPLES CAME. THEY MARVELED THAT HE WAS TALKING WITH A WOMAN, BUT NONE SAID, "WHAT DO YOU WISH?" OR, "WHY ARE YOU TALKING WITH HER?" 28 SO THE WOMAN LEFT HER WATER JAR, AND WENT AWAY INTO THE CITY, AND SAID TO THE PEOPLE, 29 "COME, SEE A MAN WHO TOLD ME ALL THAT I EVER DID. CAN THIS BE THE CHRIST?" 30 THEY WENT OUT OF THE CITY AND WERE COMING TO HIM. 31 MEANWHILE THE DISCIPLES BESOUGHT HIM, SAYING, "RABBI, EAT." 32 BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "I HAVE FOOD TO EAT OF WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW." 33 SO THE DISCIPLES SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "HAS ANY ONE BROUGHT HIM FOOD?" 34 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "MY FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME, AND TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK. 35 DO YOU NOT SAY, 'THERE ARE YET FOUR MONTHS, THEN COMES THE HARVEST'? I TELL YOU, LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND SEE HOW THE FIELDS ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR HARVEST. 36 HE WHO REAPS RECEIVES WAGES, AND GATHERS FRUIT FOR ETERNAL LIFE, SO THAT SOWER AND REAPER MAY REJOICE TOGETHER. 37 FOR HERE THE SAYING HOLDS TRUE, 'ONE SOWS AND ANOTHER REAPS.' 38 I SENT YOU TO REAP THAT FOR WHICH YOU DID NOT LABOR; OTHERS HAVE LABORED, AND YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR LABOR."