

Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 3- Jesus Loves the Little Children



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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

EPISODE 3

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Mark 10:14, Matt 18:3-5
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- ▶ Matt 5-7; 6:9-15
- ▶ Isa 61:1-2, Lk 4:18-19
- ▶ John 12:28, 17:1

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Children

QUICK SUMMARY

Begging the question- do you embrace a childlike faith? This beautiful episode of The Chosen introduces us to some children, who demonstrate for us how to listen to Jesus. The bold and simple faith of childhood is on display. They are naturally entranced by His kindness and gentleness with them; and they learn a great deal from His simple message of love and grace.

There is very little action - it is all about Jesus and the kids.

After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the following reflection questions:

CONVERSATION STARTER

When you first heard of Jesus, how did you picture Him?

TheBigQuestion:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? Which character, event or line stood out to you most? Why?

Bring to Group:

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

EPISODE 3 QUESTIONS

1. Jesus was both playful & purposeful as He related to the children. What does that say about how we are to relate to others?
2. Jesus' responses to some of the children's questions seemed evasive or incomplete. Why do you think that is? And how does relate to His responses to our questions?
3. Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome **you**?
4. What would it take for you trust Jesus afresh - with the absolute faith of a child?
5. Jesus' gift reminded Abigail that He did not come only for the wealthy. How does that make you feel about Jesus? What does that mean about how we as His disciples treat people?
6. In this episode, Jesus is seen praying routinely (meal times, bed time) and passionately. What is your prayer life like? How does this portrayal of Jesus' prayers encourage you?
7. Do you talk to Jesus as carefree as the children did in the episode? Why or why not? Do you feel Jesus is as receiving toward you as He was the children? Explain.
8. Jesus said in the episode, "Everyone has a much larger job than just their trade." Do you see yourself as having a "larger job" in this life?
9. The Jewish rabbis mistakenly thought the Messiah would be a great military leader when He arrived. How has your understanding of Jesus become more accurate over time?
10. In the episode, Jesus challenged the behaviors and ways the Hebrew people treated others.

Do you think today's Christians should assess how they are treating others?

12. Who is someone in your life who needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person, then go make the introduction. Trust Jesus to do the convincing.

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – 18:15-17; Mark 9:42; Mark 3:13-19

Self-Check

- o Waiting for God to judge evil can be frustrating when you are the one who has been wronged or hurt. Is there someone you are "punishing" as payback for a wrong they've caused you? What could be a more God honoring response?
- o What could you do to begin or to restore your childlike trust in Jesus Christ?

Go Forth – Jesus stated that His Father sent Him to announce good news to the poor, announce prisoners would be freed, and the blind would see.
o Who could I share this incredible news with that may not have heard about Him?

Pray – Thank your heavenly Father that He did not send Jesus only to the wealthy and people of status. Ask God to show you ways you can copy Jesus' willingness to engage with all peoples.

QUOTES

"Is your father rich?" (Joshua)

"That is a question for another time." (Jesus)

"I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes, they will tell others about me like you have." (Jesus)