

# Group Guide



*For listening, discussion & reflection*

*EPISODE 4- The Rock on which it was built*



*watch | discuss | learn | rejoice*

## The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

### EPISODE 4

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matt 13:47-52
- ▶ Matt 4:18-22
- ▶ Luke 5:1-11
- ▶ Luke 8:10

#### CHARACTERS

Jesus, Matthew, James & John, Andrew & Simon Peter, Nicodemus, John the Baptist, Joseph of Arimathea, Zebedee

#### QUICK SUMMARY

During this hour we see Jesus teach about what it means to be fishers of men- and trust that God will take care of us.

In this emotional episode some fishermen, who can't pay the heavy Roman taxes, are at the end of their ropes. Business is abysmal; an attempted deal with officials has gone badly, and they know that prison is imminent. They need a miracle--and then they encounter an itinerant teacher. He tells them He will redefine their careers: they will catch no more fish, but men.

#### CONVERSATION STARTER

What is your perception of how Peter is portrayed in this series so far?

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

#### The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

#### Bring to Group:

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

## EPISODE 4 QUESTIONS

1. The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experiencing Jesus coming to you after a "dark night" in your life? Would you share?
2. What was the role of John the Baptist? (Luke 1 :8-17, Luke 3:1-9) How is this also our role as the church?
3. How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Has anyone encouraged you in life? Did it change you?
4. Jesus told the fisher brothers that they would become fishers of men. What did that mean for them? Is that our mission as well? Why or why not?
5. When you get yourself (and / or family) into a desperate situation from not following Christ's ways, do you tend to eventually seek Him for a miracle or do you feel you must "fix" things first? Can you share a story?
6. Do you believe God allows adverse circumstances into your life to draw you back to Him? When have you experienced this?
7. 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?
8. Do you believe miracles happen in modern times? When miracles happen, what part did God play and what part do believers play?

## PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

**Renew and Refresh** – This week read John 1:19-28; John 21; Luke 5:1-11

### Self-Check

o When you have a serious need like Peter did in the episode, and God does not perform a miracle for you, what does that do to your faith?

o Jesus could have told Peter he had to get himself out of his own jam; after all, Peter's troubles were brought on by himself. How does Jesus' rescuing Peter from his bad choices shape how you see Jesus helping you?

**Go Forth** – Matthew's faith and John the Baptizer's faith is stirred by Jesus' miracle. Is there someone you know whose faith would be stirred if they heard about God doing something miraculous in your life?

**Pray** – Thank Jesus for His "no strings attached" help and compassion on you as His follower.

## QUOTES

*(Edith to Peter)*

*Edith: "Where is your faith?"*

*Peter: "Faith isn't going to get me more fish."*

*Edith: "You have not pursued the Lord lately. You're off to try to fix it again ●●● No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."*