

Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

S2 EPISODE 5- Spirit



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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

EPISODE 5

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 13:34-35
- ▶ Mark 1:21-27
- ▶ Luke 4:31-37
- ▶ John 3:22-36
- ▶ Luke 3:1-20
- ▶ Luke 6:7,11
- ▶ Psalm 139

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Simon the Zealot, Jesse (the invalid), Shmuel (Pharisee), Atticus (Roman inspector), Mary Magdalene, Ramah, Caleb (demon-possessed)

QUICK SUMMARY

After stirring the water, Jesus is now pursued by Simon the Zealot, Atticus, and Shmuel. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission. Meanwhile, back at the camp, Mary Magdalene is devastated by an encounter with a mysterious and dangerous stranger.

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

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the most fearful moment you've ever experienced?

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 5 QUESTIONS

1. This episode is rich and deep. What do you think is going on with Mary Magdalene in this episode? How does your past interfere with your present?
2. The Pharisees cross-examine Jesse. Then Atticus also says to him, “I believe it was a miracle,” to which Jesse responds, “I know it was a miracle.” Do you believe in miracles today? Why or why not?
3. Mary is teaching Ramah to read, using scripture. She is also teaching Matthew on the side. What role does scripture reading play in your life? What fresh commitment can you make to reading the Bible? What has held you back to this point?
4. Simon the Zealot saves Mary from Caleb’s attack. What did you think about that encounter with the demon and how Jesus responded? What do you believe about demons and their activity today?
5. Why should we not be afraid of demons?
6. Simon the Zealot asks Jesus, “Why do you need someone like me?” Jesus responded, “I have everything I need. But I wanted you.” How does that impact you in reference to Jesus’ wanting you?
7. Jesus and his cousin John the Baptist share a powerful conversation. John’s impatience with his perception of Jesus’ slowness shows. How do we demonstrate impatience with Jesus’ timing?
8. Jesus is emotional upon John’s departure. What does this scene reveal about each character?
9. Why do you think Schmuell the Pharisee so set on discrediting Jesus? Do you ever see a similar attitude in people today?
10. How should fellow Christians who may not like each other interact with each other?

11. In the episode, Jesus reacted to John the Baptist’s plan to confront King Herod. Do you believe it is a Christian’s responsibility to “call out” all of the sin we see in other people’s lives? Why or why not? Are you using Jesus’ teachings to shape your view?

12. In the episode, Jesus attempts to coach John’s approach to reaching unbelievers. What direction is Jesus trying to guide John toward?

13. Have you ever been “disillusioned” as you’ve tried to follow Jesus’ ways? How did you come through this time in your life? Has your faith in Christ gotten stronger since then? Please share.

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read John 3:22-36; Mark 1:21-27.

Self-Check

- o What would Jesus coach you about your way of interacting with people outside the faith?
- o Who do you have in your life that helps you in times when your faith waivers? When was the last time you had a meaningful and transparent conversation with them?

Go Forth – Who do you know outside the faith who may be more open to hearing about Jesus if you were to try Jesus’ approach of graciousness and non-judgment in your conversation with them?

Pray – Thank God for Jesus choosing you to be in His Family not because of your abilities, but simply because He wanted you.

QUOTES

“Welcome back.” - Jesus to Caleb

“I just dropped the basket and ran. I totally ignored the prayers in my hands.” - Mary