

Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

S2 EPISODE 6- Unlawful



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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

EPISODE 6

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 12:1-18
- ▶ Luke 6:6-11
- ▶ John 8:1-3
- ▶ Psalm 20:7
- ▶ 1 Samuel 21:1-6
- ▶ Psalm 19:7

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Ramah, David, Abiathar, Matthew, Peter, Pharisees (Schmuel, Yanni), Elam (man with withered hand)

QUICK SUMMARY

Matthew and Simon try to get along as they search for Mary in dark places. The group fears for Mary as they struggle with lack of food and bad news about John the Baptist. Meanwhile, Jesus continues to upset Pharisees across multiple regions.

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

CONVERSATION STARTER

If you had to go without food for a couple of days, what food would crave the most for your first meal?

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 6 QUESTIONS

1. So much is going on in this episode!

- The search for Mary by Peter and Matthew
- Mary's restoration
- John the Baptist's arrest
- Pharisees plotting
- Healing of man with withered hand

Which of these stories within the story was most powerful to you and why?

2. Mary said to Peter, "He already fixed me once. I'm broke again. I can't face him." It's a common fear after our failure. Have you ever felt that, and how did you press through it? What would you tell someone who feels that they can't face Jesus because of their failure?

3. Some have expressed concern about the creative license with dialogue and story that The Chosen sometimes displays. Why is it important to be able to distinguish between what is in the scriptural narrative and what is not?

4. The Pharisees are seen plotting and squabbling about Jesus. Why are they so concerned about Him? What do you like about them? What do you dislike?

5. Phillip and Andrew are hit hard by the news of John the Baptist's arrest. Jesus also is emotional over it. Mary is missing. The food supply is short. Things seem bad. How do we respond when things seem to be falling apart around us? Why were the disciples shocked by Jesus' decision to "pray" about things? Why is it hard for us to see prayer as a first step toward dealing with life's issues?

6. The episode began with a flashback to David. It ends with the disciples eating grain. What was Jesus teaching about the Sabbath and our relationship to it?

7. How do you keep following Jesus when He leads you in directions you weren't expecting

or don't want to go?

8. How do you keep from drawing wrong conclusions about what God is doing in your life and prevent getting frustrated with Him? How do you keep from imagining the worst?

9. Have you ever felt like giving up on following Jesus because you keep failing Him? Have you ever been too embarrassed to "face" Jesus because of something you've done?

10. When we are struggling with sin in our lives, what does Jesus want us to do, avoid Him or approach Him? Explain.

11. Can anyone ever "pay" Jesus back for what He's done for us? Does Jesus expect some sort of "payment" from His followers? Share your thoughts.

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Matthew 12:1-14.

Self-Check

o Are you struggling with anything today (sin or anything else) that is hurting your closeness with Jesus?

o What is a helpful step you could take this week that might bring your relationship with Jesus closer than it is right now?

Go Forth – Who do you know that would be encouraged to know that closeness with Jesus is not about keeping rules? How could you share this with them?

Pray – Thank God for Jesus pursuing you even when you aren't following Him.

QUOTES

"What if you were cut off from Jesus by something in your past? Would you want help getting back to him as soon as possible?" – Matthew

"Did you really think he would never struggle or sin again?" - Jesus