

Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

S2 EPISODE 8- Beyond Mountains



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The
CHOSEN
The Story of Jesus: For Us

EPISODE 8

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 5:1-16
- ▶ Matthew 7:12
- ▶ Psalm 139:13-16

CHARACTERS

Jesus and disciples; Salesmen: Judas
Pharisees: Rabbi Shammai, Shmuel, Yanni
Romans: Atticus, Gaius; Others: Tamar, Ramah,
Mary, Mary (Jesus' mother), Eden

QUICK SUMMARY

While Jesus and Matthew prepare the content of the big sermon, the disciples spread the word while fighting amongst themselves. A high-ranking Sanhedrin member is shocked by Shmuel's reports on Jesus. Thousands arrive for the sermon, including familiar faces.

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

CONVERSATION STARTER

What have been your favorite memories from The Chosen Season 2?

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 8 QUESTIONS

1. Simon the Zealot comes back to camp from a run, and is told, “Obsession with exercising smacks of Hellenism.” Do you ever wonder about our culture’s attitude toward physical fitness or lack of it?
2. The last few episodes led to this one as Jesus has been preparing for the Sermon on the Mount. What roles/contributions did you see the disciples making? How can we motivate one another in our churches today to serve?
3. In speaking of the anticipated turnout for the sermon, John said, “What if no one shows up?” Mary said, “What if everyone shows up?” Which response do you tend to identify more often with and why?
4. Jesus told Matthew, “I don’t want passive followers.” What kind of follower does Jesus want? Have you ever been a passive follower of Jesus? What changed for you?
5. How did it hit you when Jesus spoke the Beatitudes (“blessed are you”) and you saw scenes from His disciples for each one? Which beatitude did He speak to Matthew? Which one might He speak to you today?
6. When we’ve failed to follow Jesus, why don’t we have to “pay penance” to make things right again? Even though our relationship with Christ is secure even when we sin, what IS at risk when we sin?
7. What do you think it means “to be the salt of the earth”?
8. What do you think it means “to be the light of the world”?
9. From Jesus’ description of types of followers in the Sermon on the Mount, which do you identify the most with - poor in spirit, the mournful, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaker, or persecuted?

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read Matthew 5:1-16.

Self-Check

- o What’s your default way of trying to “make up with Jesus” when you’ve failed Him?
- o What can you change this week to resist being a “passive follower” of Jesus?

Go Forth – How could you be the “salt of the earth” to someone in your life?

Pray – Thank God for giving you purpose in this life and an example to follow that doesn’t require your perfect performance.

QUOTES

“If someone wants to find me, those are the groups [of people] they should for.” – Jesus

“I want a life I can be proud of - that will be remembered throughout history.” – Judas

HOMEWORK

Read the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 in one sitting. Then for three days after you read it, write down what you remember about it, how God spoke to you, and some adjustments you need to make as you follow Jesus more closely.

HELPFUL LINKS / RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch/episodes/season-2-episode-1>

A frequently asked question about the series is “How do I know what is in the Bible and what creative dialogue or story has been added to help us grasp the overall narrative?”

Consider reading through the 4 Gospels using the CSB Christ Chronological Bible.

<https://www.amazon.com/CSB-Christ-Chronological-Bibles-Holman>

