The Chosen, Season 1, Episode 3

Fall 2020 Connect to Christ Discipling Community Focus



Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Jesus in Matthew 18:3)



THE LIFE, THE SPIRIT, THE TRUTH OF JESUS This October & November in various Discipling Communities

Thanks for being part of the Fall 2020 Discipling Community focus. We're focusing on Connect to Christ via the life of Christ by viewing and discussing Season 1 of *The Chosen*. Beyond the facts, we hope that Discipling Communities rediscover (or discover for the first time) the life, culture, heart, and actions of the gospel stories and allow the spirit and truth of the life of Jesus to help us take next steps in being and growing as biblical, loving, Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

The Chosen is a multi-season journey through the life of Christ. It has been created from a synoptic perspective instead of focusing on one particular gospel account.

Accessing the Video Content

The best way to view *The Chosen* is to download the app for your particular smart device. Search *The Chosen* in your app store. Open up the app and all the episodes are available there. Then, stream the episode from your smartphone to your TV using your technology of choice. There are lots of options and instructions within the app to get you going. Episodes are also available on YouTube (with ads), or you could order a DVD or Blu-ray set from the app. We aren't providing definitive steps because of the many combinations of devices & TVs. If you need help, and no one in the Discipling Community is tech savvy, please let us know.

Discussion Questions

Here are 2 options to facilitate discussion related to Episode 3. These questions are intentionally generic. Feel free to adapt them based on the makeup of the Discipling Community (considering age, stage of life, spiritual maturity, etc.) and how the Spirit leads the discussion. Our hope is that the Spirit shapes/leads the discussion with the group discovering/learning/applying what is appropriate for the group without us specifying a specific outcome or application.

Option 1:	 What surprises you about this episode? What do you find interesting? What intrigues you? What questions do you have about the events portrayed in this episode? What do we discover about God? What do we discover about Jesus? What do we discover about people? How are we challenged by the content of this episode? What application can we take away and apply to life today? Who can you share this story/truth with?
Option 2:	 What stood out to you in this episode? Was there anything confusing or troubling? Why? Did anything make you think differently about God? How might this change the way you view the story of Jesus/the Gospel and the way you live?

For more on asking good questions, check out the *DC Skills – Asking Great Questions* resource available at <u>FACToccoa.com/dcresources</u>.

Episode 3 Supplementals

Group Sharing:

• In this episode we see the interaction of Jesus with those younger than Him (the children). Invite someone to share their Jesus story. Have them include how someone older has been impactful on their spiritual journey and/or how they have felt welcomed by Jesus. (*It's ok to ask someone ahead of time.*)

Scriptures that are part of Episode 3:

Mark 10:14	Matthew 18:3-5
Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Matthew 6:9-15

Characters we See in Episode 3:

Jesus Abigail Children

Supplemental Questions:

- 1. How did Jesus' treatment of the children impact you? Why do you think He welcomed them so freely? How have you typically responded when children interrupt what you are trying to get done?
- 2. A subplot of this episode focused on Jesus' prayer life as a routine part of life. Is prayer an equally integral part of your life as in Jesus' life? What might a next

step of prayer look like for you. (You may want to reference the 7 Marks of a Healthy Disciple focused on Praying: Our Primary Work.)

- 3. If you could ask Jesus any question, what would it be?
- 4. Jesus shows Abigail that He didn't just come for one group of people, but for all. What does that mean as we think about engaging the world as biblical, loving, Spirit-filled disciples?
- 5. As adults, what do you think it means to trust Jesus with absolute faith like a child? Why is it hard for us to do that?