

The Chosen, Season 1, Episode 7

Fall 2020 Connect to Christ Discipling Community Focus



Episode 7: Invitations

"My whole world, everything I thought I knew, what if it's wrong?" (Matthew)

**The
CHOSEN**



THE LIFE, THE SPIRIT, THE TRUTH OF JESUS

This October & November in
various Discipling Communities

We continue the Fall 2020 Discipling Community focus of *Connect to Christ* as we reconnect with the life of Christ by viewing and discussing Season 1 of *The Chosen*. *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. Beyond just 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, growing, and making biblical, loving, Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

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 7. 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 FACToccoa.com/dcreources.

Episode 7 Supplementals

Group Sharing:

- In this episode we see Jesus extend invitations to follow Him. Invite someone to share their Jesus story. Ask them to include the moments or instances that have shaped their response to Jesus, that challenged their world view, and that caused them to reconsider what they thought they knew. If they are still searching, let them know it's ok to share why they are still searching. (*It's ok to ask someone ahead of time.*)

Scriptures that are part of Episode 7:

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 2:11-12

Matthew 9:9-13

John 3:1-21

Character we see in Episode 7:

Jesus

Nicodemus

Matthew

Mary Magdalene

Dig Deeper Questions (as needed):

1. Throughout these episodes, we've seen both Nicodemus' and Matthew's journey to recognize and potentially follow Jesus. Reflect on both of these

men's journeys portrayed in the series. What stands out to you? Matthew quickly agreed to follow, and Nicodemus hesitated. What factors do you think have impacted their decision? Which character do you identify more with?

2. Matthew choosing to accept Jesus' invitation to follow Him was a bit shocking to some of the other guys. Peter: *"Do you have any idea what this guy has done? Do you know him?"* Are there times when you've been skeptical of someone following Jesus because of their past life? Have you seen others respond this way? How are the ways we tend to judge others, sometimes without even realizing it? Why do we tend to do this?
3. How do you recognize the effect of the Spirit in your life? In the life of others?
4. Matthew says, *"My whole world, everything I thought I knew, what if it's wrong?"* What if the things that you feel are the "foundation" of who you are...are not real? Or not what God wants them to be?