

The CHOSEN

Season 4. Episode Two. Discussion Guide

For Churches

For the Leader

Dive deeper into Season 4 of *The Chosen* with your group!

We've created these episode guides to help you lead meaningful discussions following each episode of *The Chosen*.

As you watch, discuss, and pray together, we hope these questions help your group unpack what they've seen and dig deeper into the Bible.

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A look at seeking — and offering — forgiveness

Watch

Before you watch this episode . . .

A lot happens in Episode Two, you can tease the theme of the discussion that will follow the episode — seeking and offering forgiveness.

Icebreaker

Share a memory of a most meaningful funeral you have been at.

Discuss

1. For the long-standing feud between Peter and Matthew to come to an end, two things had to happen: (1) Matthew needed to ask for forgiveness, and (2) Peter needed to grant it. Let's talk about the act of seeking forgiveness. Matthew struggles to do it — and we do, too. Why is it so hard for us to seek forgiveness?
2. Matthew eventually asks for forgiveness, and there's no way around it: he completely botches it. What should asking for forgiveness look like — and what shouldn't it look like?
3. Let's shift to the act of offering forgiveness. Peter struggles to offer it — and we do, too. Why is it so hard for us to extend forgiveness?
4. When Peter seeks Jesus's counsel about the situation with Matthew, Jesus tells him a parable. **Read Matthew 18:21-35.** How does Jesus's parable confront each reason you might have to withhold forgiveness from someone?
5. What should offering forgiveness look like — and what shouldn't it look like?

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Discuss

6. **Read Matthew 18:15-20 and Ephesians 4:32.** Share a time when you have intentionally asked someone to forgive you something, or a time when someone asked you to forgive them. How did it go?
7. Discuss how saying "I'm sorry" is part of repentance from the offending party, whereas forgiveness is something that can only be given as a gift from the offended party.
8. Is there anyone that you need to forgive or to ask for forgiveness?
9. **Read 1 John 4:4.** Should we be afraid of evil? What should be our response to evil? To the threat of evil?
10. What does the process of grieving look like? (referencing John the Baptist's death)
11. What is the meaning of Matthew 19:29: "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."
12. How might you be able to celebrate someone else's success or promotion without comparing yourself to their station of circumstance?

Pray

Here are 2 questions to guide your groups closing prayer:

1. If you were to offer a word of thanks to God for something that comforted you in this episode, what would it be?
2. If you were to ask God's help in living life in a new way in light of this episode, how would you sum up this new way of life?



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