

The CHOSEN

Season 4. Episode Three. 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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Season 4 Episode Two - Discussion Guide

A look at seeking — and offering — forgiveness

Watch

Before you watch this episode . . .

This episode ends in devastating fashion, and folks will surely want to talk about it. The challenge for you as a leader is that the fallout from what happens is shown in the next episode, which will be the focus of the next group discussion. Maybe tell them this, while also telling them the questions that follow do still manage to speak to this episode's ending.

NOTE: When this episode ends, please stay silent until the credits are done. This episode ends on a strong emotional note. We will deal with the ramifications of the ending of this episode next week/episode.

Discuss

1. James, John, and their mother, Salome, are obsessed with gaining a higher status among others. Upward mobility is an obsession of ours, too. Why?
2. Some characters already hold higher status: the Pharisees, Roman rulers, Quintus, Gaius — even the disciples, in their being "chosen." What are the challenges and temptations that come with upward mobility — for them, and then also for us?

Don't be afraid to explore the dark trajectory of upward mobility. Because we're so often careless with the power we hold, lives can be lost, literally and spiritually. We see this with Quintis and also the Pharisees. And remind the group that James and John once wanted to "call down fire" on their enemies in an earlier season. (See Luke 9:54)

3. Let's turn a little more positive: are there ever circumstances in which the desire for upward mobility is okay? What circumstances come to mind?
4. If you were to naturally or rightly gain higher status — and with it, power and influence — what are some ways to avoid abusing your power and influence?

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Discuss

5. Share a time when you were still able to worship God as God despite unanswered prayer or hard circumstances.
6. Why do you think some prayers are answered and others are not?
7. **Read Matthew 7:7-8.** How was Salome (mother of James & John) using Jesus' words to seek position for her sons? How might **Matthew 6:33** inform your understanding of this?
8. Do you think Jesus intentionally chose to heal on shabbat?
9. Was Jesus "rude and dismissive" of the religious leaders, as Rabbi Acheevah accused?
10. What do you think about the question: "Who sinned so that this man was born blind?" What was Jesus' response to that question? (**Refer to John 9:1-3**)

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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