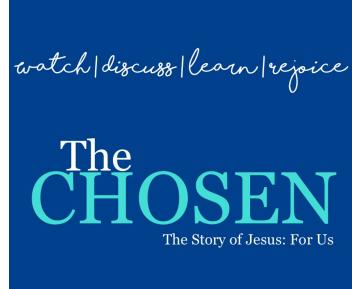
Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 7- Invitations





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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Numbers 21:4-9
- ▶ Matthew 9:9-13
- ▶ John 3:1-21
- ▶ Psalm 2:11-12

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Bring to Group:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

- Reflect on Nicodemus' journey to Jesus.
 How did he go from being a devout
 Pharisee to sitting in front of Jesus? What character qualities did he exhibit?
- 2. If you feel comfortable sharing how have you experienced being "born again?"
- 3. How do you recognize the effect of the Spirit in your life?
- 4. Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? Especially in comparison to Nicodemus' hesitation?
- 5. Stories like that of the bronze snake can be shocking to us today. What caused the Israelites to suffer? What daily habits can you cultivate so that you obey as quickly as Matthew did?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. What did you think of Peter's reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? How can you have the same reaction today?

QUOTES

Jesus to Mary: "With their faith, they would have found a way whether you brought them to the roof or not."

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

Jesus to Andrew: "You are there to guide our guest, not to be my protector."

Jesus to Nicodemus: "If I have told you of earthly things, and you do not believe, how can I tell you heavenly things?"

Nicodemus: "My whole life I have wondered if I would see this day."

Peter (about Matthew): "Do you have any idea what this guy has done? Do you even know him?"

Jesus: "Yes."