

# Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

SEASON 2 / EPISODE 5



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## The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

### EPISODE 5

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Psalm 139
- Luke 4:31-37
- Luke 3:1-20
- Luke 6:7,11
- Matthew 13:34-35

#### KEY CHARACTERS

Jesus, Simon the Zealot, Jesse (the invalid), Shmuel (Pharisee), Atticus (Roman inspector), Mary Magdalene, Ramah, Caleb (demon-possessed)

#### The Big Idea:

What is your one BIG idea from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you first share with someone about this episode and how God spoke to you through it?)

#### Bring to Group:

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

### QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. This episode is rich and deep. What do you think is going on with Mary Magdalene in this episode? How does your past interfere with your present?
3. The Pharisees cross-examine Jesse. Then Atticus also says to him, "I believe it was a miracle," to which Jesse responds, "I know it was a miracle." Do you believe in miracles today? Why or why not?
4. Mary is teaching Ramah to read, using scripture. She is also teaching Matthew on the side. What role does scripture reading play in your life? What fresh commitment can you make to reading the Bible? What has held you back to this point?

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### QUESTIONS CONTINUED

5. Simon the Zealot saves Mary from Caleb's attack. What did you think about that encounter with the demon and how Jesus responded? What do you believe about demons and their activity today?
6. Why should we not be afraid of demons?
7. Simon the Zealot asks Jesus, "Why do you need someone like me?" Jesus responded, "I have everything I need. But I wanted you." How does that impact you in reference to Jesus' wanting *you*?
8. Jesus and his cousin John the Baptist share a powerful conversation. John's impatience with his perception of Jesus' slowness shows. How do we demonstrate impatience with Jesus' timing?
9. Jesus is emotional upon John's departure. What does this scene reveal about each character?
10. Why do you think Schmuel the Pharisee so set on discrediting Jesus? Do you ever see a similar attitude in people today?

### QUOTES

**"Welcome back."** - *Jesus to Caleb*

**"I just dropped the basket and ran. I totally ignored the prayers in my hands."** - *Mary*