

The Chosen Season 3

Discussion Questions and Bible Study

Episode 1 – Homecoming

Summary: As season 3 kicks off, we see Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount to many people. As he speaks these powerful words, we view different disciples and followers and how it affects them emotionally. We get a preview that the personal stories of the disciples will be a common theme throughout this season.

We are introduced to Judas, Joanna, and Jarius. This episode acts as a good foundation as we continue the teachings of Jesus while also building up the personal stories of his followers.

Bible Passage Basis

-Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount

-Luke 8:3 Joanna

-Matthew 11:2 Reference to John the Baptist's disciples

-Mark 5:21-43 Jarius' story

Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out to you about today's episode? What connected with you personally?
2. Did you have any questions about what happened? Anything that needs to be clarified?
3. During this episode, John the Baptist explains to Joanna that whenever Jesus teaches, there's something just for you - something that sticks with you. We saw this truth illustrated by several characters over the course of the episode. During the sermon, we could see them react to one of Jesus' teachings. After the sermon we saw them struggling with the teaching, and by the end of the episode, we saw most characters take a step of faith in obedience to Jesus' teaching.

Talk about these characters: Matthew, Andrew, Judas

- Which of Jesus' teachings seemed to connect with [the character]?
- Why was that teaching significant for [the character]?

- Over the course of the episode, how did we see [the character] struggle with the teaching?
 - Ultimately, what happened when [the character] obeyed Jesus' teaching?
4. How did Jesus' message connect with any of these characters or how did they struggle with it? Atticus, Gaius, Joanna, Simon the Zealot, Yussif (the Pharisee), Mary Magdalene, Tamar, and Ramah
 5. People in the crowd react differently to the Sermon on the Mount. Some see what Jesus is preaching to be unrealistic. Others see it as actions to incorporate into their lives. Which character's reaction were you surprised by?
 6. As we are introduced to Judas, his motives seem genuine. How does this compare with your expectations? What does this say about how we view people who have made mistakes in the past?
 7. We are introduced to Joanna. Who is her story merged with? What message did she deliver?
 8. Humor is an important element to Jesus and his disciples in this series? Why do you think the writers included humor in these episodes? What was your favorite humorous moment?
 9. How did the Romans perceive the teachings of Jesus? Did they view it as pushing for peace or arming for battle?
 10. As you watched the Sermon on the Mount, were there any teachings that connected with you? Why was that teaching significant for you? How does it connect to what's going on in your life? Do you hear anything in the familiar words as if for the first time? Will obeying that teaching be a struggle for you? How so?

Whether we obey or fail to obey, what can we remind ourselves about Jesus' grace?

While the New Testament makes it clear that obedience is important, it's equally clear that Jesus' grace and forgiveness abounds for each of us. Indeed, Jesus' grace is ultimately what enables us to obey - and that should keep us humble and grateful in the moments when we are able to take steps of faith and obedience.