

## **The Chosen Season 3**

### **Discussion Questions and Bible Study**

#### **Episode 5 - Clean Part 2**

In this episode we see Jesus and the disciples respond to the crises by fixing the underlying conditions that are causing uncleanness. Using the building supplies provided by Rabbi Yussif, Simon Peter and Gaius seek to repair the cistern so that the local water supply is no longer polluted by sewage.

The majority of this episode focuses heavily on the story of Jairus' daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' cloak. Jesus tells a few disciples that He does not want His miracles talked about widely and publicly yet.

**Scriptural Basis** Note: The healing of Jairus' daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' cloak is found in 3 Gospels. How do these accounts vary and how are they the same?

Matthew 9:18-26

Mark 5: 21-43

Luke 8:40-56

Matthew 9:14-17 The Parable of the Bridegroom and Parable of the Wineskins

Leviticus 15: 19-27

Number 19:11-13

Jeremiah 2: 9-13

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What stuck out to you about the episode? What/who did you connect with the most?
2. Did you have any questions? Was anything unclear?
3. What did you think about the opening scenes? Were you surprised to see who was experiencing the miscarriage?
4. We see Gaius and Peter banter as they work. What surprised you about the conversations between Peter and Gaius? What did we learn about Gaius?
5. When is the last time you found out something unexpected and humanizing about someone you disagreed with in general?
6. What do you think would normally happen if a person like Veronica interrupted the urgent business of a person like Jairus? How would she have been treated?
7. When Veronica touched Jesus, she was healed immediately. Jesus didn't need to pause and talk to her but he wanted to interact with her. Why do you think Jesus allowed himself to be interrupted? What can we learn about how Jesus views Veronica and Jairus?

8. Remember that being unclean was associated with death and mortality. In the story, Jesus touches two unclean things: a bleeding woman and a dead girl. What would normally be the result of touching something unclean? What happens instead? Why?
9. The Old Testament's rules provided the Israelites with a way of managing and containing uncleanness and ritually impurity. By contrast, in this story, Jesus begins to deal with the problem of impurity at its source. How does Jesus ultimately deal with the problem of uncleanness and ritual impurity?
10. What new things did the disciples observe and learn about the power of Jesus?
11. During Episode 5, we followed the suffering of three women: Veronica, Jairus' daughter, Nili and Eden. While Veronica and Nili are released from their suffering by the end of the episode, Eden doesn't experience any sort of resolution. What do you think Eden is thinking and feeling throughout this episode and especially at the end?
12. Eden's pain in the final scene is in stark contrast with the joy of the disciples, who are celebrating the healing of Veronica and Nili. When we worship and celebrate together, why is it important for us to remember that there are probably people in our midst who are suffering?
13. At the end of this episode we see the disciples having fun in the sea together. What did you think about the closing scenes?
14. Were there any other humorous moments that stood out for you?

**For reflection:** What can we do to be sensitive to suffering of others around us? How can we make our church a space where hurting people still feel welcomed? What comfort does Jesus always offer to those who are suffering?

Who would be considered unclean in our community? Have you ever had a conversation or interaction with someone on the fringes of our community or society? What have you noticed about yourself? About the other person?

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures  
    our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
    that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
    how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
    unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health  
    we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
    Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
    in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
    shall reach the whole of humankind.