

The Chosen Season 3
Discussion Questions and Bible Study

Episode 8- Sustenance

An angry crowd has gathered around Jesus and the disciples in Decapolis, but Jesus instructs them to listen and be peaceful. After witnessing a healing miracle, they comply and the crowd grows. Instead of a fight He brings love, hope, and food. Simon and Eden continue to grieve. The disciples have to work together as Jesus teaches and performs two big miracles.

Matthew 14: 13-36

Mark 6:30-52

Luke 9:10-17

John 6: 1-21

Psalm 77 A Psalm of Asaph

1. What stuck out to you about the episode? What did you connect with the most?
2. Did you have any questions? Was anything unclear?
3. Did the trip Jesus and the disciples took to the Decapolis look like what you had imagined at the end of Episode 7? Do you think the disciples expected it to turn out that way?
4. When Eden is sitting with the rabbi, he agrees that reading an uplifting and joyful passage over her would not be helpful. Platitudes and phrases that diminish grief do not help grieving people.
How do we, as modern-day Christians, dishonor grief and mourning?
How does it look when we honor grief and help the grieving to mourn?
What comforts you in grief Biblically?
How can we practice better sitting with those who grieve?
5. Over the course of Season 3, how have we seen the disciples suffer from a lack of rest?
Do you ever feel guilty about saying no to opportunities for work, family, or ministry in order to get away and rest?
In moments when we feel guilty about resting, what can we remind ourselves about Jesus and what he desires for us?
6. Although Jesus calls us to take time to rest, sometimes, like the disciples, people intrude upon our rest.
Can you think of some times when other people have intruded on your rest?
What were some of the consequences of not experiencing enough rest?

7. When we're physically, emotionally, or spiritually exhausted, it can feel like we have nothing left to share with others.
In such moments, how can we find encouragement in the miracle of the five loaves and two fish?
Even though we might not necessarily see a physical miracle, how might God multiply our energy, compassion, or love?
What do you think it looks like to invite Jesus into those moments?
8. There were a few minor differences between how the Feeding of the 5,000 was depicted in *The Chosen* and the passages we read in Scripture. In the Scripture readings, why did the disciples go into a desolate region? How does that compare to what we saw in the episode? Did you notice any other differences?
9. Season 3 of *The Chosen* has focused heavily on faith. In Episode 8, what does Jesus teach his disciples and the crowds about faith?
10. How does the time leading up to the feeding of the mass of people provide the disciples with an opportunity for faith?
11. What are some other ways that we have seen the faith of the disciples stretched and tested over the course of Season 3?
12. During the climactic final scene, Jesus comforts Simon Peter about the difficult trials that Simon and Eden have gone through recently. How was Eden receiving that same comfort back in Capernaum? What was your take away?
13. What Jesus says to Simon isn't in the original Gospel accounts. However, very similar words are found in a letter to the church that Peter wrote long after Jesus' ascension. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. What is the significance of having faith in the midst of trials and afflictions.
14. How did you feel watching the miracles on the Sea of Galilee? Did something surprise you about them?
15. What points of humor did you enjoy?