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WHY CHOSEN CONNECT?

This guide is designed to help your group go beyond simply watching *The Chosen*. It invites them to reflect on the deeper meaning behind the series and explore the same source that inspired its creators—the Bible. As God’s Word, the Bible offers encouragement, wisdom, and direction for our lives today.

As you facilitate the discussions, pray for these outcomes in the lives of participants:

1. Pray that participants will recognise how the Lord is calling them to respond to the biblical stories and truths portrayed in *The Chosen*.
2. Pray that participants will develop a deeper connection with Christ as they encounter him in his Word and among fellow believers.
3. Pray that participants will have an increased desire to read and study Scripture on their own.

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This discussion guide also includes a reading plan to help you personally apply the lessons from *The Chosen*. You can go through it on your own or with your group, allowing for deeper reflection and ongoing conversation. Enjoy the journey!

HOW TO USE THIS MATERIAL

Each episode of *The Chosen* explores many meaningful themes, and it's impossible to cover everything in one discussion. That's why this group discussion guide offers multiple approaches, allowing you to choose the one that best fits your group.

This guide includes four different tracks, each focusing on a unique perspective from the episode. To prepare, we recommend watching the episode on your own first. Then, review the four options and prayerfully select the track that will be most relevant for your group.

Each track begins by inviting *initial reflections* on the episode. Then, it helps the group dig in by reading and discussing Scripture. Finally, it ends by encouraging you to consider how the Lord may be calling you to respond.

Choose what you want to work on and follow the icon of your choice.



Track 1:

I want to deepen my faith



Track 2:

I want to learn to live my faith with others



Track 3:

I want to better understand what Jesus meant



Track 4:

I want to give hands and feet to my faith



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TRACK 1: I WANT TO DEEPEN MY FAITH

Aligning with your Father above

Initial reflections

This episode shows us a side of Jesus we might not think about too often. We see him in the ordinariness of daily life: working, sleeping and spending time with kids. He is utterly human. And in his humanness, he models the importance of regularly seeking his Father in prayer.

- What stood out to you from this episode, and why?
- Did anything in this episode cause you to look at your own life differently?

Dig in

In this episode, one of the kids asks Jesus: *“What is your reason for being here?”* [23:08-25:12 min]. Jesus responds by quoting from the prophet Isaiah. He will quote the same passage again in a synagogue in Capernaum, as recorded in Luke’s Gospel.

Let’s read Luke 4:17-20.

- What does this passage tell us about why Jesus came?
- What does this mean today?
- Can you share about a time when Jesus set you free from something that was holding you captive or gave you sight to see something you had been blind to?



Respond

As this episode showed, Jesus regularly took time to rest from his daily activities in order to align with his Father above. Now we're going to discuss how we can do the same. By sharing openly, you may discover practices that can help you, as well as areas where you can offer help and accountability to others.

- How do you seek out time to be alone with your Father?
- What practices help you stay attuned to God's voice?
- What do you find challenging in your connection with God?
- How can we support each other as we pursue a deeper relationship with God?



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TRACK 2: I WANT TO LEARN TO LIVE MY FAITH WITH OTHERS

The Messiah for rich and poor, for young and old

Initial reflections

Abigail, a girl from a humble background, encounters Jesus in the simplicity of his daily life. Enthralled by her experience, she invites her friend Joshua, and later brings others along to share in the joy of being with Jesus. They clearly enjoy his company.

- What did you appreciate about this episode's portrayal of Jesus?
- Where do you encounter Jesus in your ordinary, everyday life?

Dig in

This episode highlights Jesus' love for children.

Let's read Matthew 18:1-5 and Luke 18:15-17.

- What does Jesus say about children in these passages?
- What does it mean to become like a child? (Matthew 18:3)
- What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a child? (Luke 18:17)
- What childlike qualities do you need to embrace more in your journey of faith? How can you do that?





Respond

The way Jesus welcomed Abigail and her friends highlights how he welcomed people from all walks of life, and how his presence brings joy, even in the most ordinary moments. It shows how encountering Jesus causes us to naturally invite others into his presence. One of the things Jesus said to Abigail is: *“I did not come only for the wealthy”* [26:47-28:20 min].

- Would you like to be rich? What can wealth bring you? What are the limitations of wealth?
- Like Abigail, do you invite your friends to encounter Jesus? If not, why? If so, how?





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TRACK 3: I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS MEANT

Shema: listen

Initial reflections

In this episode, the children quote the “Shema Yisrael” (Hear, Israel!) [14:56-15:54 min]. In Hebrew, “hearing” is not just about hearing. It also always involves doing—putting into practice what you have heard.

- What struck you as you watched Jesus teaching the little children in this episode?
- What do hearing and doing look like in your life? Are there any elements of God’s Word that you understand but struggle to live out? Share, if you feel comfortable.

Dig in

The Shema is a beautiful prayer that holds great significance for Jewish people. It consists of three parts: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Deuteronomy 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41*.

Let’s read them, along with John 14:21.

- What do these passages tell us about how we are to love God?
- What is the role of remembering, according to these passages?
- How is obedience related to love?
- What does loving God look like in your daily life?



Respond

Jesus tells us that anyone who loves him will obey his teaching. In order to obey Jesus, we need to know what he says.

- What is the value of memorising Scripture?
- What is your relationship like with Scripture? What struggles do you face with regularly studying Scripture? What practices or resources help you engage with it more?



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TRACK 4: I WANT TO GIVE HANDS AND FEET TO MY FAITH

“Everyone has a much larger job than just their trade”

Initial reflections

In this episode, we see Jesus going about his daily work as a carpenter. But he tells Abigail, *“Everyone has a much larger job than just their trade”* [15:57-16:50 min]. He was not just a carpenter, and you are not just a student or an employee. Whatever roles you occupy are opportunities for you to serve the Lord by working with integrity and sharing his love with those around you.

- How does this episode’s portrayal of Jesus’ daily life and work make you think differently about your own daily life and work?
- How do you view the connection between your vocation (or desired vocation) and your calling to follow Jesus?

Dig in

We are made in the image of God, designed to reflect him in our daily lives.

Let’s read Romans 12:1-2 and Colossians 3:22-24.

- What do these passages tell us about how we can worship and serve God?
- What does it mean to “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God”? (Romans 12:1 NIV)
- What does it mean to work “as working for the Lord, not for human masters”? (Colossians 3:23 NIV)



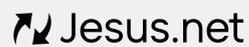


Respond

Much of life is mundane—daily, weekly and yearly cycles that we repeat over and over again. We work, rest, eat, do chores, spend time with our loved ones; these ordinary activities are the context of our discipleship. God meets with us in the mundane.

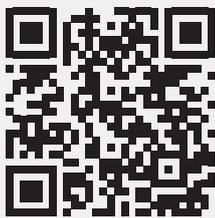
- How do you encounter the Lord in the daily rhythms of your life?
- God is present in the mundane moments, but often we are too distracted or overwhelmed to notice. How can you practise paying attention to God's presence in the mundane?

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