

The CHOSEN

EPISODE 4 - THE ROCK ON WHICH IT IS BUILT

Introduction - Most of us like being in the driver's seat. We'd rather follow the navigator on our phones than wait for someone else to tell us where to turn—because we like to look ahead. We want to see what's coming and to know exactly how many miles are between us and our destination. We want to choose the route, which lane to be in, what's playing on the radio, and whatever fast-food drive-through strikes our fancy.

We want to be in control.

Incidentally, so does God, and when we belong to Him, His way of doing things trumps ours. Or at least, that's how it's supposed to work. In episode 4 of The Chosen called "The Rock on Which It Is Built," Simon Peter is in the driver's seat—or whatever the fishing boat equivalency of a driver's seat is.

And it isn't going very well.

- What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study

Main Characters - For each main character write things you learn about them: their past, current situation, struggles, personality.

Scenes and questions to consider can be found on pages 2-3. A more reflective guide can be found on pages 4-5. Use this one only after watching the episode.

Simon



Nicodemus



Matthew



Other characters

- Eden (Simon's wife)
- Andrew
- James
- John
- Zebedee
- Quintus
- Jesus
- The Baptizer

I. Simon on the water with the Romans

II. Simon explains his situation

1. What situation is Simon in?

2. How does Zebedee react when Simon shares his situation? Notice what happens later in the episode as well.

III. Matthew and Quintus

3. In this episode who could be called a traitor? Why?

4. How does Matthew say he is treated? Why is this?

IV. News about the Baptizer

5. What were the people concerned about with the Baptizer?

V. Simon at Home

6. What is Simon's family situation like? Why?

7. Take note of Simon's conversation with his wife. What do you notice?

VI. Simon out of options and losing hope

8. Why wouldn't Simon listen to Andrew and the news he had to share?

VII. Simon on the water again

9. Simon thought he could fix things all on his own. What was he learning? How is this shown?

VIII. Simon meets Jesus

10. What do you find interesting about the interaction of Simon and Jesus?

11. Does giving Simon a backstory change the miracle of the catch of fish for you in any way? If so, how?

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

Northstar Small Groups

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 13:47-52
- ▶ Matthew 4:18-22
- ▶ Luke 8:10
- ▶ Luke 5:1-11
- ▶ Matthew 3:1-7

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Matthew, James & John, Andrew & Peter, Nicodemus, John the Baptist, Joseph of Arimathea, Zebedee

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

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. How did the weaving of Peter's backstory (all creative license) make you feel about the development of Peter's character?
3. The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experiencing Jesus coming to you after a "dark night" in your life? Would you share?
4. What more do you learn about Matthew's character? What do you think about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
5. Andrew met Jesus through John the Baptist and is confident He's the Messiah. What do you think about his longing for Peter to know Jesus? Who is your "Peter?"

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. Why did Nicodemus want to know if John had performed miracles? What did he suspect?
7. What was the role of John the Baptist? (Luke 1:8-17, Luke 3:1-9) How is this also our role as the church?
8. How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Who encouraged you?
9. Jesus told the fisher brothers that they would become fishers of men. What did that mean for them? Is that our mission as well? Why or why not?

QUOTES

Edith to Peter: "Where is your faith?"

Peter: "Faith isn't going to get me more fish."

Edith: "You have not pursued the Lord lately. You're off to try to fix it again... No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."