

The CHOSEN

EPISODE 5 - THE WEDDING GIFT

*Introduction - **Blind Eyes** - Many things vie for our attention. We have set goals and five-year plans, opinions and political affiliations, needs and responsibilities, relationships and reputations to maintain, and specific ways we want our lives to unfold. But what we prioritize and pursue tends to also be where we place our hope—hope for happiness, steadiness, wholeness, and the like.*

*Turns out, there's nothing new under the sun because the people in Jesus's day also had a tendency to misplace hope. In episode 5 of *The Chosen* called "The Wedding Gift," the parents are hoping for a union that will benefit their children and a celebration that will secure their standing in the community. The newlyweds are hoping for a happy, healthy life together full of love and children and fulfilled dreams. The disciples are hoping that Jesus would interrupt the festivities to make His Messianic debut and accelerate their emancipation from Rome. And wedding attendees are hoping for a really good party.*

And nothing is wrong with any of it.

Except when any of it intrudes on our ability to see. And then do.

- 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.

Jesus -

Sarah and Asher-

Mary (The Mother of Jesus)-

Helah and Abner -

Simon and Eden -

Thomas and Remah -

Diana & Rafi -

The Disciples (Andrew, Thaddeus, James, James and Mary) -

I. In Jerusalem

1. What do you note about Jesus, his relationships with family, and with others?

II. In Cana

III. Nicodmeus and John

2. During this episode take note of John's message and the interaction with Nicodemus. Also what is Nicodemus seeking to find out?

IV. Simon and Eden

3. Had you ever thought of what it would have meant for the disciples to be called by Jesus? What did it mean for them?

4. How did/does being called by Jesus (being a Christian) change your life?

V. Preparing for the Wedding

5. What do you learn about the culture of the time and a wedding from this episode?

VI. The Journey Begins

6. What were the disciples concerned about when they began following Jesus?

7. What and how were they going to learn from Jesus?

8. What was Simon concerned about looking forward to the wedding?

VII. Nicodemus and John

9. What is Nicodemus struggling with?

VIII. The Wedding Banquet

10. What was the problem at the wedding banquet? What would this have meant?

11. What interesting things are mentioned concerning Jesus, his ministry, and his miracles during the wedding banquet?

12. Questions, thoughts and reactions to this episode.

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Luke 2:41-52
- ▶ Jeremiah 33:10-16
- ▶ 1 Kings 19:19-21
- ▶ John 2:1-12
- ▶ Proverbs 30:4

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon, Thomas

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 do you think Jesus' parents struggled in raising him?
3. Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said "Tell me about your ministry." When was the last time you sat down and talked to someone you might not agree with and simply said "Tell me more."
4. What did you think of Eden's response to Peter's calling?
5. Just as the servants had to draw the water before they saw the miracle, what are ways you can step out in faith because of God's promises?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. Jesus reassures Thomas that while it's good to ask questions, that we won't always understand the answers, or even get answers. How do you handle this?

QUOTES

Nicodemus to John the Baptist: "I am looking in places I would never go because I am searching for an explanation for something I cannot unsee."

John the Baptist to Nicodemus: "He is here to awaken the earth, but some will not want to waken. They are in love with the dark. I wonder which one you'll be."

Thomas: "From the instructions you have provided I see no logical solution to the problem."

Jesus: "It's going to be like that sometimes, Thomas."

Ramah to Thomas: "He gave us even more than we need."