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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 CHOSEN CONNECT

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

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Initial Reflections

In this episode, Nathanael's world falls apart. Everything he worked for, poured his energy into and believed he was made for suddenly crumbles. In his distress, he cries out to God, *"This was done for you!"* [15:20-16:12 min]

- Have you ever been in a situation where everything fell apart despite your best efforts? How did you respond?
- Has God ever used a moment of failure to teach you a valuable lesson or draw you nearer to him? Tell us about it.

Dig In

In the midst of his confusion and pain, Nathanael prays: *"Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe ... Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. Hear my prayer, O Lord. Let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me. Answer me speedily in the day when I call."*

When God seems to remain silent, Nathanael cries out, *"Do You see me?"* [16:20-18:04 min]. Nathanael's cry echoes those of many in Scripture who have wrestled with God in their pain. In his prayer, he quoted Psalm 102.

A similar example can be found in Psalm 77—*let's read it together.*

- What stands out to you about Asaph's prayer?
- What does Asaph remember and why?
- Reread verses 7 to 9. What questions do you ask to or about God when you are going through seasons of suffering?
- Reread verse 11. What "deeds of the Lord" (NIV) can you remember when you need to be reminded of God's faithfulness?
- What do you do when it feels like God isn't listening?



Respond

Jesus meets Nathanael just where he is and reassures him: *“When you were in your lowest moment, and you were alone ... I did not turn my face from you. I saw you, under the fig tree ...”* [46:54-48:30 min].

- Have you ever experienced Jesus seeing you in this way? How?
- Was there ever a time when you felt that God wasn't there—only to realise later that he had been with you all along?
- When Jesus places his hand on Nathanael's shoulder, it's a moment of deep reassurance. Have you ever felt God's hand on your life? What did it feel like? What impact did it have on you?



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

I called you for a reason. Where are you moving?

Initial Reflections

In this episode, Matthew feels like an outsider, watching as others seem to belong while he remains on the outside looking in.

- Have you ever felt left out or lonely? Why? How did you handle it?
- Do you know others who might feel this way? How do you typically respond?
- Is it always a bad thing to be outside the circle Matthew describes? Why or why not?

Dig In

Simon is full of ideas about how to manage the growing group of Jesus' followers. But Jesus gently redirects him: *"Every one of these people I have called for a reason. Each of them brings something unique and important to the whole. I want every voice heard and none silenced. Everyone can learn from each other"* [34:30-37:10 min]. Simon has no idea yet what this will mean for his own life.

Let's read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What can we learn from the body illustration about the unique calling and purpose we each have to offer?
- How do you see this reflected in your own life? What unique gifts do you bring to the body of Christ?
- How do you see others using their gifts to serve their local church? What do you learn from their example?



Respond

In this episode, Philip reaches out to Matthew, who feels lonely, and connects with his friend Nathanael. Jesus remarks, *“If we don’t make time for friends, we won’t have any”* [26:19-26:55 min].

- Why are friendships and relationships important?
- What do you do to make time for your friends?
- What does it mean to you to be a good friend?
- What can you do this week to reach out to someone like Matthew, who may be feeling left out?



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TRACK 3: I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS MEANT *Soon. Really?!*

Initial Reflections

In this episode, Simon and Jesus have a discussion, and Simon asks Jesus if he will explain more soon. Jesus responds, “*There’s that word: ‘Soon ...’*” [37:12-37:40 min].

- What is the problem with the word “soon”?
- What did Jesus mean when he promised to return soon?
- How have you experienced the difference between God’s timing and your timing?

Dig In

Matthew, Mary and Ramah are deeply moved by Jesus’ words and eager to learn more, even if they don’t fully understand yet. Their desire to learn more keeps them pressing in.

Let’s read Psalm 119:1-16.

- How does the psalmist describe God’s Word?
- Why is it important to store God’s Word in your heart?
- What role does God’s Word play in your life?
- What steps can you take to grow in your love for and understanding of God’s Word?



Respond

In this episode, we see Philip walking alongside Matthew, while some of the others still avoid him. During one of their conversations, they reflect on Matthew's past. Matthew struggles to understand why Jesus chose him, considering how little he knows about religion. Philip reassures him: *"From what I understand, Jesus doesn't love everything about religion. Matthew, what you think you know, it doesn't matter. Only that Jesus chose you. That's where your confidence comes from now"* [19:28-20:45 min].

- Where does your confidence come from?
- God is a God of relationship. Let's compare religion and relationship—how do they connect? How are they different?
- Looking at the life of Jesus, what do you see reflected—religion, relationship or both?
- What role do religion and relationship play in your own life?



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

How do you build?

Initial Reflections

Jesus sees Nathanael's desire and invites him into something greater: *"So ... you wanted to help build something that would cause prayer and songs, something to bring souls closer to God, yes? ... Can you start tomorrow?"* [50:04-50:12 min]

- What is your dream?
- Have you surrendered your dreams and desires to Jesus? Why or why not?

Dig In

Early in the episode, we see Nathanael at his lowest point—sitting at a bar, defeated, asking for a strong drink. The bartender is concerned and asks, *"Did someone die?"* [08:33-11:03 min]

Let's read 1 Peter 5:5-11.

- How does Nathanael respond to the bartender's question?
- What does it mean to humble yourself under God's mighty hand (1 Peter 5:6)?
- What is pride, and how does the devil use it to attack us?
- How can humility help you to resist the devil?





Respond

In *The Chosen*, we see that following Jesus isn't just about the big moments—it's about the ordinary ones too. Jesus' disciples take long walks, eat, sleep, talk, grumble, laugh, cry, marvel at miracles, struggle with uncertainty and learn by doing. Through it all, they are part of God's mission—even when they don't fully realise it.

- How can you become more attentive to God's presence in the ordinary moments of your life?
- How have you seen God use ordinary things—like meals or time with friends—to build his kingdom and draw souls closer to him?
- Are you walking alongside someone in a meaningful way? What does that look like?

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