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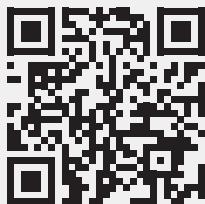
WHY CHOSEN CONNECT?

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

Do you see it?

Initial reflections

In this episode, 12-year-old Jesus goes missing, and after an anxious search, his parents find him in the temple. He is sitting among the teachers, listening attentively and asking insightful questions. He knows the Scriptures—especially the books of Moses—and discusses their meaning. He explores the question of what it means to live a good life, and those who hear him are amazed by his wisdom and understanding.

- If Jesus were having a conversation like this today, what might it look like?
- What does it mean to live a good life? How do the books of Moses speak into that conversation?

Dig in

Later in this episode, another meaningful conversation takes place between John and Nicodemus. When John hears what is happening, he gets excited and refers to a passage from Proverbs. Then, he says to Nicodemus: *"All your life you've been asleep ... Make straight the way for the King! He is here to awaken the earth! But some will not want to waken. They're in love with the dark. I wonder which one you'll be"* [26:17-27:48 min].

Let's read Proverbs 30:1-4 and John 3:16-21 together.

- What does Agur communicate in this passage from Proverbs? What does he say about himself and what does he say about God?
- What does Proverbs 30:4 tell us about Jesus?
- According to John 3:16-21, why do people refuse to come into the light?
- What does it look like for a person to love the darkness?
- Are there any areas of your life that you need to expose to the light of Jesus? How can you do that?



Respond

Some things can only truly be seen when Jesus opens our eyes—like Joseph and Mary recognising the deeper reality of their son in the temple or like John reflecting on Mary’s story and recognising the divine mystery at work.

We see this truth in Eden as well: She sees potential in Simon that no one else has seen. When she hears that Jesus has called Simon to follow him, she weeps and says, *“... Someone finally sees in you what I have always seen ... You’re more than a fisherman”* [10:21-12:10 min].

- What does Eden mean?
- What lenses do you typically use to view yourself and others?
- How do you practise looking beyond outward appearances to see the deeper realities at work in people and situations?

Let’s take a moment to pray in pairs for one or two people in your life whom you find difficult to see beyond their outward appearance. Ask Jesus to fill your heart with his love and to help you see them more clearly through his eyes.



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

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Initial reflections

In this episode, Simon and Andrew are excited as they begin following Jesus. But they also feel uncertain—they have no idea what will be expected of them. There's a sense of nervousness, a fear that they might fail or disappoint Jesus.

- Can you relate to this feeling? How does it affect your relationship with Jesus?
- What example does Simon use to encourage Andrew? [17:33-17:55 min].

Dig in

Let's read 2 Peter 1:3-8 together.

- What reassurance does this passage give us as we follow Jesus?
- What does it mean that God has given us “everything we need for a godly life”? (2 Peter 1:3 NIV)
- How can you be effective and productive in your knowledge of Jesus? (2 Peter 1:8 NIV)
- Which of the qualities listed in verse 5 do you want to develop more of? How can you do that?



Respond

At the wedding, Simon reminds Andrew how they learned to fish: *“We just sat there and watched until we became fishermen.”* Mary reacts: *“We will watch him, and watch, and watch and watch ... Forever, I think”* [34:22-35:12 min].

- How do you relate to what Simon and Mary are saying?
- Are you open to learning? How do you learn from Jesus?
- Do you have the courage to make mistakes?
- Can you share an example of a time when you learned from a mistake you made?



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TRACK 3: I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS MEANT

Keep watching! What do you see?

Initial reflections

Let's revisit a conversation between Jesus and Thomas in this episode:

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

Jesus: *"It's going to be like that sometimes Thomas." ... "I do not rebuke you, Thomas. It's good to ask questions. To seek understanding." ... "Join me, and I'll show you a new way to count and measure, a different way of seeing time."*

Thomas: *"Go with you where? I don't understand."*

Jesus: *"Keep watching"* [41:00-42:16 min].

- What stood out to you from this scene?
- Can anyone relate to Thomas' personality—specifically, his reliance upon logic and planning? How has that impacted the way you follow Jesus?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says, "I'll show you a new way to count and measure, a different way of seeing time"?

Dig in

Let's read Proverbs 1:1-7; 2:1-11; 3:1-7 together.

- What insights do you find in Proverbs that help you understand more about God and how to live wisely?
- What do you do when Jesus' instructions seem illogical and don't appear to be a solution to your problem?
- Do you have the courage to trust his guidance? How do you put Proverbs 3:5-6 into practice?



Respond

As the disciples begin following Jesus, Simon expresses his confusion: *“I don’t even know why I’m here. It’s usually the students that choose the rabbi, not the other way around. And I’m not even a student.”* Someone else concludes: *“He hasn’t exactly been picking the best and brightest students ...”* [35:29-35:48 min].

- Have you ever felt that you’re not good enough or qualified enough to follow Jesus? How do you handle those feelings?
- What does it say that Jesus chooses ordinary people as his followers?
- How can you use your talents to contribute to God’s kingdom?



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

On the way with Jesus Party time?

Initial reflections

As Simon and Andrew begin their journey of following Jesus, they worry about their packed lunch. But as they go, they come across fig trees, and lunch is provided.

We know that God cares. Not a single hair falls from your head apart from his will. Yet, at the same time, we know that the world is filled with suffering. These truths are hard to reconcile. Faith doesn't mean we always get what we want or even what we think we need.

- How do you handle this tension between God's care and the suffering in the world?
- What are the things that worry you?
- Do you trust that Jesus will provide what you need? Why or why not?

Dig in

Paul knew this tension firsthand. He experienced God's care in incredible ways, but he also experienced incredible hardships. In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul lists his struggles—imprisonment, beatings, assassination attempts, shipwrecks, dangers from robbers, threats, sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, and exposure to the cold. Yet despite all this, Paul remained certain of God's love and faithfulness.

Let's read Romans 8:31-39 together.

- What assurance does this passage give us?
- What does it mean that if God is for you, nothing can stand against you?
- “For I am convinced ...”—how can Paul write verses 38 and 39 with such confidence?
- How does this passage apply to your life today?

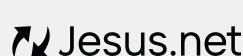


Respond

We often hear about how Jesus became human like us. This means he didn't just experience suffering—he also embraced life's joys. In this episode, we see him fully enjoying the wedding feast, celebrating and even dancing with those around him.

- What do you think about seeing Jesus dancing? Does it match how you have always pictured him, or does it challenge your understanding of who he is?
- How do you make space for joy and celebration in your journey of faith?

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