

# Chosen Discussion Guide –

Adapted from Cypress Creek Church

## Episode 1

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting?
2. Nicodemus was “the teacher of teachers” of Israel. What was his relationship with other Jews? With the Romans?
3. What did you think about how enticing wealth was for Matthew and yet how hated he was for his willingness to work for Rome and extort his fellow Jews? How did the Romans treat Matthew?
4. What did you think of Simon Peter’s character in this episode?
5. Mary Magdalene remembered the Bible verse her Dad taught her (Isaiah 43:1) and then Jesus said it to her again. What parts of your “before” has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?
6. How does “I have called you by name, you are mine” impact you today?
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

## Episode 2

1. Shabbat - Shabbos, or the Sabbath, is Judaism's day of rest and seventh day of the week. On this day, religious Jews, Samaritans, and certain Christians remember the biblical story describing the creation of the heavens and the earth in six days and look forward to a future Messianic Age. The fourth commandment tells us, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8).
2. Do we practice the Shabbat or Sabbath one day a week in our personal life?
3. What was going through Nicodemus’ mind regarding Mary’s healing?
4. Matthew said that his father said he has no son. How did this impact your view of him?
5. Simon (Peter) said to his wife, Eden, “I’ve got this.” When was time in your life that you thought you could control your circumstances only to see them spin out of your control?
6. Mary hosts her first Shabbat meal (Sabbath). How did that impact you? Seeing her turn to God and be so welcoming to others?
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

### **Episode 3**

1. How did Jesus' treatment of the children impact you?
2. In this episode, Jesus is seen praying routinely (meal times, bed time) and passionately. What is your prayer life like?
3. Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome **you**?
4. What would it take for you to trust Jesus afresh – with the absolute faith of a child?
5. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

### **Episode 4**

1. What problem does Peter's wife, Eden, see with her husband?
2. What was the role of John the Baptist? How is this our role as the church?
3. The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experienced Jesus coming to you after a "dark night" in your life? Would you share?
4. Nicodemus questioned about Jesus performing Miracles. What miracles did you see happen in this episode?
5. What more do you learn about Matthew's character? What do you think about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

### **Episode 5**

1. How do you think Jesus' parents struggled in raising Him?
2. Nicodemus came to John the Baptist asking many questions wanting to "know his name". John's response was "All your life you have been asleep?" What did John the Baptist mean? John referred to the Bible verse listed above (Luke 3:3-6)
3. What did you think of Eden's response to Peter's calling?
4. 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?
5. Jesus asked Thomas to Follow Him. This is the same "Doubting Thomas" in John 20 after Jesus had died. What did you think of his character?
6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

## **Episode 6**

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which characters were most moving?
2. The Bible says in Matthew 4:23 that Jesus healed every kind of disease and illness. This applies to us today. What healing are you believing Jesus for? Even Jesus said to Tamar “Your Faith is Beautiful”.
3. Name the miracles that have happened so far in “The Chosen”.
4. How can you connect with people in your life who aren’t part of the “in” crowd, as Jesus did?
5. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

## **Episode 7**

1. Reflect on Nicodemus’ journey to Jesus. How did he go from being a devout Pharisee to sitting in front of Jesus? What character qualities did he exhibit?
2. If you feel comfortable sharing – how have you experienced being “born again?”
3. Stories like that of the bronze snake can be shocking to us today. What caused the Israelites to suffer? See Numbers 21:4-9 above.
4. This episode is called “Invitations”. Who did Jesus invite to follow Him? Did they obey the call?
5. What did you think of Peter’s reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? Peter said to Jesus (talking about Matthew) “I don’t get it”. Jesus said, “You didn’t get it when I chose you either”. Peter said, “But this is different, I am not a tax collector” and Jesus said, “Get use to different.” What did Jesus mean?
6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?

## **Episode 8**

1. Pharisees asked, “Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus said, “It’s not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. Also, Jesus said to the Pharisees, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Discuss these two statements from Jesus.
2. Obedience at the risk of being ridiculed and opposition from others, or that threatens our usual way of life seems impossible. Discuss the different ways people (Simon, Eden, Matthew, Nicodemus, etc) reacted to Jesus’ directions, the directions of family, and from peers.
3. What was significant about Jesus choosing to talk to a Samaritan woman? How can you model that today?
4. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this episode?
5. What was your favorite episode in Season 1? Share with others.