

The CHOSEN - Season 5 - Episode 4 - Study Guide

Main Passage: John 13:31-35

Study Guide Overview

As Jesus' betrayal darkly looms over Him and His followers like a building storm, more of His closest disciples are understanding His true mission. In spite of the constant pleas to not go forward with His plan, Jesus is single minded with His focus. The writers for this episode do an excellent job balancing the heaviness of what Jesus is facing with inspiring praise and thanksgiving to God. Users of this study guide will find the same inspiration as they are encouraged to realize all of God's grace filled touches in their lives that are enough to keep them going even amid the darkest circumstances.

Group Conversation Starter

Do you like Fig Newton cookies? What's your favorite cookie?

Bible Passages

John 13:31-35

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:24-30

24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"



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26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly."

28 But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him.

29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.

30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

Matthew 21:18-19

18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry.

19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.

Questions and Next Steps Below



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Group Discussion Questions

1. Jesus told His disciples to love people the way He loved them. What does that look like in real life? In the episode, Jesus said loving others the way He loved would transform our lives. Do you think we are missing something because we are not loving the way Jesus did? (John 13:34-35)
2. Do you think Judas was trying to force Jesus to use His power to become King of Israel when he betrayed Him? If not, what do you think Judas' motive was? (John 13:24-30)
3. In the episode, many of Jesus' followers were trying to prevent His death while others were trying to get Him killed. Which group do you think you would have been a part of?
4. Jesus cursed a fig tree that wasn't bearing fruit even though it looked great and full. How can Christians prevent looking great on the outside but in reality aren't bearing any fruit? (Matthew 21:18-19)
5. In the episode, Jesus' followers take turns thanking Him for the things He had done in each of their lives. Share with the group some of the times you are thankful for when God touched your life.

Personal Next Steps

- **Self-Check**

- In the episode, John admits to Jesus how people often do what they want from their own perspectives. Whose perspective are you making decisions in your life from - God's or your own?
- If you were to write your own "it would have been enough" about Jesus, what would you write?

Continuing the Conversation

Jesus' disciples many times did not understand what He was doing but they trusted Him anyway. Who could you encourage to trust Jesus even if they don't understand everything?

Pray

Thank Jesus for being such a perfect example of how to love others.



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