

The CHOSEN - Season 5 - Episode 5 - Study Guide

Main Passage: Luke 22:24-30

Study Guide Overview

Episode 5 of The Chosen Season 5 depicts the despair of Jesus' disciples as more of them realize Jesus is going to be crucified. While the disciples struggle to remain united, the religious leaders finalize their plot to arrest Jesus with the goal of having Him crucified. Jesus is not shaken as He continues to move forward toward the cross and yet still teaches His disciples along the way. Believers will be moved by the sorrow and confusion the disciples are shown experiencing but will also be inspired by Christ's steadfast progression to fulfill His purpose for coming to earth. Study guide users will have the opportunity to wrestle with the concepts of leading through serving and trusting versus forcing.

Group Conversation Starter

Who's the best boss you ever worked for? What made them a great boss?

Bible Passages

Luke 22:24-30

24 Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them.

25 Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.'

26 But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.

27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

28 "You have stayed with me in my time of trial.

29 And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right

30 to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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Mark 11:22-25

22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God.

23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

John 11:45-50

45 Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

46 But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

47 Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.

48 If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation."

49 Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, "You don't know what you're talking about!

50 You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

Questions and Next Steps Below

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Group Discussion Questions

1. Jesus reprimanded His disciples for arguing about which of them was greatest. He was teaching them that leading is about serving not about position. Which do you think the world values, serving or position? How could this teaching about serving impact all the different areas of a Christian's life today? (Luke 22:24-30)
2. Jesus taught His followers they must have faith when they ask God for something. Besides faith, what other factors influence whether prayers are answered or not? (Mark 11:22-25)
3. This episode gave an intriguing look at what the detailed scheming may have been like in the plot to kill Jesus. Were you surprised by the animosity of the religious leaders toward Jesus? What stood out to you the most in those heated discussions? (John 11:45-50)
4. Several groups were taking matters into their own hands in this episode. Pilate's wife tried to convince them to leave Jerusalem. Atticus attempted to quell the anti-Jesus movement. The religious leaders developed a plot that violated their own Jewish Laws and Roman Law. Why is it so easy for people to force things rather than trust in God and His timing?

Personal Next Steps

- **Self-Check**

- No Christian likes to think they will deny or betray Jesus, but so often we struggle to remain faithful in certain circumstances. How is your faith doing right now? Are circumstances pulling you away or are you staying close to Christ?
- How is your faith in God's plan for your life going? Are you trusting His way and His timing or are you trying to force a certain outcome?

Continuing the Conversation

If you are part of a community, who could you invite in that would enjoy the connection and encouragement?

Pray

Ask God to help you see any areas in your life where you might be forcing things that are not His way.