



The CHOSEN

Journey to Jesus

A 7-part series that explores the encounters of Jesus through the eyes of His followers, revealing how their lives were transformed by His presence and teachings.

Each week you will take time to read a bible story, watch a short clip from *The Chosen* and discuss questions that we hope will help create a place of openness and sincerity towards knowing Jesus and knowing you are chosen.

WEEK ONE

Jesus - The One Who Pursues Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

In the New Testament, Jesus is all about showing us how God wants to totally change our lives through love, forgiveness, and a deep connection with Him. He makes it clear that everyone is welcome in His kingdom. The real game-changer? Through Jesus, God reached out to us first. No matter where we are or how lost we might feel, God is always there, ready to pull us in and show us His love. He is pursuing you!

Mary Magdalene's Story

Spend 35 minutes looking at Mary Magdalene's story

The story of Mary Magdalene is remarkable. Here's a woman who was possessed by demons and in every way, life was a struggle. But Jesus knew everything about her and still called her by name. He invited her into a new hope and a new way of living. Let's look at Mary's story and what happens to all of us when we encounter Jesus.



Bible Time: Read Luke 8: 1 – 3

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clips, discuss two things that stand out to you.

▶ **Clip: S1E1 (3 min) - Mary & Jesus**

▶ **Clip: S1E2 (4 min) - Mary & Nicodemus**

Q1: Knowing that God made the first move to reach out to us through Jesus, how could that impact the way you see Him and relate to Him?

Q2: Even when we feel lost, Jesus is never far away. How does that make you feel about your own life and the choices you're making?

Q3: Is there anything in your life that you feel that you can't bring to Jesus? What do you think might be stopping you?

Q4: In what ways does Mary Magdalene's story encourage you?

Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in Prayer – Start off here and then take it where the Spirit leads.

Take a moment to consider your own heart. Inside and out, Jesus knows you, all of you. Are you open to him revealing himself to you? If so, pray this simple prayer:

“Jesus, I believe that you are real, but I still have questions. You know me, I want to know you more and take a step towards you. This week, would you meet me where I'm at and reveal yourself to me?”



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WEEK TWO

Jesus - The One Who Knows Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

Nicodemus was a powerful, respected teacher, and when he first met Mary Magdalene, he thought he could help her—but nothing worked. In *The Chosen*, he tried everything, but her demons were too strong. When Jesus stepped in and completely changed Mary's life, Nicodemus was shocked. The Mary he knew was gone, replaced by someone full of hope and peace. Blown away by this transformation, Nicodemus becomes obsessed with meeting the man who did what he couldn't. When he finally sits down with Jesus, they have a deep, mind-blowing conversation about God's relentless love and His unstoppable pursuit of each one of us.

Nicodemus's Story

Spend 35 minutes looking at Nicodemus' story

Bible Time: Reach John 3: 1 – 21

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

Clip: S1E7 (10 min) - Nicodemus & Jesus

Q1: In last week's session, Nicodemus had all the smarts and power but couldn't help Mary Magdalene like Jesus did. Why do you think that is? What does this show us about where real change comes from?

Q2: In John 3:1-21, Jesus tells Nicodemus about being "born again." What do you think it means to be "born again" and get a fresh start like Mary?

Q3: Nicodemus was blown away by how different Mary was after meeting Jesus that he had to seek him out for himself. Have you ever seen someone totally change? How does that make you feel about what Jesus could do in your life?



Q4: What stands out to you about this specific bible verse, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it but to save the world through him.”
(John 3: 16 -17)

Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in Prayer – Start off here and then take it where the Spirit leads.

Believing that Jesus is God’s son and trusting He wants a relationship with us is a journey. Last week you prayed for Jesus to reveal himself to you; this week let’s ask for Jesus to soften our hearts and open our eyes, so that when He shows up, we don’t dismiss it as chance or circumstance.

“Jesus, I believe that you are moving in my life, but I know that sometimes I doubt, don’t understand or don’t believe it’s you. Would you help me to not just hear about your love but to experience it for myself and to begin to trust that you are who you say you are?”



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WEEK THREE

Jesus - The One Who Chooses Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

For thousands of years, the Hebrew people had been waiting for a Savior (the Messiah), to rescue them from slavery and Roman rule. But Jesus, who was that very Messiah, had a different plan. Instead of toppling governments, he came to set up God's Kingdom—a new way of living that changed people's hearts. Simon, who later became Peter, was a fisherman struggling with massive debt. In *The Chosen*, he's shown fishing all night to repay his debt and feeling completely desperate. That's when Jesus shows up and chooses him to be a follower. Simon, a hot-headed, loud-mouthed, arrogant 'screw up' was one of the closest people to Jesus who he called friend.

Andrew Tells Simon about Jesus

Spend 10 minutes looking at Part 1

Andrew, Simon's brother, was an early adopter to following Jesus. He had seen Jesus in action and couldn't keep it a secret. He tried to tell his brother Simon about the exciting news, but Simon struggled to believe Andrew.

Bible Time: Read John 1: 40 – 42

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S1E4 (3 min)**

Q1: Why do you think Andrew was so eager to share the news about Jesus with his brother?

Q2: Have you ever tried to share something meaningful with a friend who didn't seem interested or was doubtful—like your faith in Jesus? How did you approach the conversation? Share the story.

Q3: What did you learn from that experience?



Simon Yells at God

Spend 10 minutes looking at Part 2

In Simon's lowest moments, he was angry and confused. He cried out to God and held nothing back. God's not afraid of our raw emotion, especially when we're struggling.

 **Clip: S1E4 (2 min)**

Q1: How can expressing our raw emotions, like anger and confusion, be a way to connect with God during tough times?

Q2: Why might it be important to be honest with God about how we're feeling?

Q3: How do you think Simon's openness to God during his struggles might have influenced his relationship with Jesus when he started following him?

Q4: What does this suggest about the importance of being vulnerable with God?

Jesus Chooses Simon

Spend 15 minutes looking at Part 3

In *The Chosen*, when Simon is finally face-to-face with Jesus and he's called to follow Him, Jesus not only saves him from his sin but also the practical struggles of debt. Simon confesses his sin and is shocked that Jesus still chooses him.

Bible Time: Read Luke 5: 1 – 11

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S1E4 (3 min)**

Q1: Why do you think Simon was so shocked that Jesus chose him?



Q2: Imagine being in Simon's shoes— chosen by Jesus despite your mistakes. How would you feel, and what does that teach you about your value as a person?

Q3: Just like Simon, Jesus has also chosen you and is inviting you to follow him. Would you consider saying yes to Jesus?

Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in Prayer – Start off here and then take it where the Spirit leads.

Peter was raw and real before Jesus and confessed his sin because he understood who he was speaking with. If you're in a place where you know Jesus is real and you'd like to say YES to following him, then pray this prayer:

"Jesus, thank you for revealing yourself to me. It's your kindness that has brought me to this place. I know I have stuffed up and made mistakes. I have sinned and am sorry. Please forgive me. Today I choose you; I want to follow you, and I ask that you teach me how to live like you."



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WEEK FOUR

Jesus - The One Who Calls Us by Name

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

Simon Shares His Story with His Wife

Spend 15 minutes looking at Part 4

When Simon is called by Jesus, the first person he wants to share it with is his wife, Eden. Feeling like a failure but excited to share the news, Simon's not sure how she will receive it. He comes to her a little hesitant but also with humility. Eden's response to Simon being called is a beautiful picture of the way we can support and celebrate each other on our faith journey.

 **Clip: S1E5 (6 min)**

Q1: Why do you think Simon was both excited and nervous to tell his wife, Eden, about Jesus calling him?

Q2: Eden showed support for Simon's news. What's one way you can be there for someone who's sharing something important with you?

Q3: How does Jesus's ability to see our hearts and call everyone, no matter their past or struggles, inspire you?

Simon Becomes Peter

Spend 20 minutes looking at Part 4

After Simon was chosen by Jesus, he experienced both confusion and conviction. But one powerful encounter with Jesus changed everything. In that moment, Simon realized that Jesus was truly the



Christ, the Son of God. Before, he had followed Jesus because of the miracles he witnessed. But this time, it became personal. Simon had a deep revelation—he saw Jesus for who He truly is: Lord over all. That moment transformed the course of his life forever.

Bible Time: Read Matthew 16: 13 - 19

Read this scripture and before watching The Chosen clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S4E2 (2 min)**

 **Clip: S4E2 (3 min)**

Q1: What do you think brought Simon to the realisation that Jesus was the Son of God?

Q2: How could having a personal experience with Jesus help you go from just seeing and believing to really trusting and following?

Q3: In Matthew 16:18, Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter. Why do you think that was an important moment in Peter's life? What's something we can learn from that moment?

Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in Prayer – Start off here and then take it where the Spirit leads.

Peter was changed forever once he understood that Jesus was God's son. Let's pray and ask God to speak to us about His son, and before moving on too quickly, take a moment to listen. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak, because we believe God wants to share something specific and special with you!

"Jesus, I believe you are Lord of all, the King of Kings and God's one and only Son. Thank you for all that you've done for me. God, I ask that you would speak to me about your son Jesus. Give me a greater understanding about who He is, what he's done for me and how you see Him."



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WEEK FIVE

Jesus - The One Who Restores Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

In the New Testament, Jesus often spent time with people who were sick. Some were healed immediately, while others were not. But in every situation, He met them in their greatest need and shared something meaningful to bring restoration and hope.

Let's check out these examples. As you watch each short clip, think about what stands out to you, put yourself in the shoes of those being healed, and discuss the questions.

Jesus & the Leper

Spend 15 minutes looking at Part 1

Jesus felt a strong calling to reach out to those rejected by society. He saw them, showed deep compassion, and gave them love that was both unexpected and unconditional.

Bible Time: Read Matthew 8:1-4

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip:** S1E6 (4 mins)

Q1: Why do you think the man with leprosy was so sure that Jesus could heal him? What does this say about his faith?

Q2: What can we learn from how Jesus treated the man with leprosy?

Q3: How can we show the same kind of compassion to people who feel left out or different?



Jesus & the Paralysed Man

Spend 20 minutes looking at Part 2

Despite the crowds seeking His attention, Jesus always welcomed interruptions and responded with opportunities for change, especially when approached with faith.

Bible Time: Matt 9:1-8

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S1E6 (5 mins)**

Q1: Why do you think Jesus forgave the paralysed man's sins before healing him?

Q2: What does this show about what matters most to Jesus?

Q3: How does the faith of the woman show us the importance of believing in Jesus, even when it seems like a long shot?

Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in Prayer – Start off here and then take it where the Spirit leads.

Throughout our lives, things will go differently to how we've planned. The leper and the paralysed man both had a different vision and hope for their life. It took an encounter with Jesus and faith in action for healing to take place. Are there areas of your life (physical or emotional) that you'd like to see healing take place? Laying these requests before Jesus is the best place to start.

"Jesus, thank you that you know me, you've chosen me, and that I can be in relationship with you. There are areas of my life that need your healing. As I bring these to you in faith, my prayer is that you'd lead me into a season of hope and healing. I ask that you'd give me wisdom for the steps I need to take beyond this prayer to enter into the fullness of what you want to do in my life."



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WEEK SIX

Jesus - The One Who Answers Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

Everyone has felt needs and real needs. A felt need is something we want, and a real need is something we can't live without. Sometimes Jesus met *both* types of needs for the people he encountered. But he *always* sought to meet the real needs that had a deeper and far-lasting impact.

Jesus & Little James

Spend 10 minutes looking at Part 1

What do we do when Jesus doesn't answer our prayers the way we expect? In *The Chosen*, Little James felt desperate because his body was in pain, and he really hoped Jesus would heal him. But instead of fixing what James thought he needed, Jesus showed him compassion and revealed a different plan—one that went beyond just healing his body. Jesus had a bigger purpose for James, helping him see that sometimes the answers we get aren't what we expect but are meant to meet our deeper, long-term needs and even the needs of others.

 **Clip: S2E3 (4 mis)**

 **Clip: S3E2 (6 mins)**

Q1: Besides physical healing, how did Jesus help people in other ways when they came to Him?

Q2: How might Jesus use you to help others and bring healing in your own way?

Q3: What can you say to someone if healing doesn't happen the way they hoped?



Prayer Sesh

Spend 10 minutes in prayer

Have you ever been in a position where God hasn't answered your prayers the way you had hoped? Could there be pain, confusion, or hurt attached to that outcome? If so, take a few moments in prayer bringing that back to Jesus, and allow him to begin to heal those hurts.

"Jesus, I know that you can move mountains, heal people, and do miracles. I'm not sure why things haven't worked out the way I'd hoped but I know that my ultimate hope is found in you. Would you heal my heart and help me to live in the tension of trusting you even through difficult times?"

WEEK SEVEN

Jesus - The One Who Teaches Us

45-Minute Small Group Conversation

Jesus spent a lot of his time teaching anyone who would listen about the Kingdom of God and what it looks like to live in and *for* that kingdom. To help them understand, he often spoke in parables or stories.

What could these lessons teach us today about living our lives for Jesus?

Jesus Walked the Extra Mile

Spend 15 minutes looking at Part 1

In the Bible, Jesus gave a sermon about going the extra mile. Back then, Roman soldiers could force Jewish people to carry their gear for a mile. Instead of just doing the minimum, Jesus taught his followers to go beyond that—to walk in humility, show kindness, and go the extra mile to make a bigger impact. Interestingly, the impact was not just external, but it also challenged their hearts, too.

Bible Time: Matt 5: 41

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S4E5 (6 mins)**

Q1: Why do you think Jesus encouraged his followers to go the extra mile, even when they were being forced to do something unfair?

Q2: How could this challenge us to respond differently when we're asked to do things we don't want to?



Q3: How do you think going the extra mile impacts not just the people around you, but also your own heart?

Q4: Talk about some practical ways that you could 'go the extra mile' in your school, church, workplace, and home.

Jesus Invites Us to Be Present with Him

Spend 15 minutes looking at Part 2

When Jesus visits his good friends Mary and Martha, an important lesson about being present is shared. God has given each one of us gifts, and they are good and meant to be used for his service. But Jesus invites us to a better way of living, instructing us also to remain present with him.

Bible Time: Luke 10:38 – 42

Read this scripture and before watching *The Chosen* clip, discuss two things that stand out to you.

 **Clip: S4E5 (9 mins)**

Q1: Why do you think Jesus said being with Him was more important than getting stuff done? How does this help us think about what really matters in our own lives?

Q2: How do you think being more present in your faith could change how you handle your day-to-day life? Could it help with stress, relationships, or making decisions?

Q3: Why do you think both action and stillness are important in your faith?

Prayer Sesh

Spend 15 minutes in prayer

Having a relationship with Jesus isn't just about doing what He asks; it's about connecting with Him and enjoying His friendship. His presence brings life and can change everything. Take a moment to be still and listen and see what He might want to say to you.



“Jesus, thank You for being more than just a guide—you’re a true friend. Help me to slow down and really connect with You. I want to experience Your presence and hear what You have to say. Change my heart and my life as I grow closer to You. As I sit here quietly for the next few minutes, would you speak to me and give me ears to hear your voice?”

Our encouragement to you as you finish this 7-week series is to add an additional 30 minutes to this final session for a longer time of prayer. Encourage the group to pray for each other and take time to hear God’s voice, speaking truth and life into each other’s lives.
