

Group Guide

Episode 1 – I Have Called You By Name



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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

Scriptural References

- Isaiah 43:1
- John 3:1
- 1 Corinthians 9:5

Characters

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Bring to Group:

Write a paragraph about how this episode helped you think about Jesus' intentionality and timing in His encounters with people.

Questions for You & Group

If time is limited, discuss the key questions in bold.

- 1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?**
2. Who was the more identifiable character for you - Nicodemus/Mary Magdalene? Why?
3. Did Peter's marriage surprise you? Why?
4. 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?
- 5. What did you think about the timing of the appearance of Jesus? What were the filmmakers saying about Jesus' intentionality and timing?**

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Questions Continued

6. What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his helplessness before the demonpossessed Mary Magdalene?
7. In what ways can you identify with Mary Magdalene?
8. **We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? How is your encounter with Jesus changing YOU?**
9. **What parts of your "before" has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?**
10. **How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?**
11. What has Jesus delivered you from and for?
12. Who is someone in your life who needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person, then go make the introduction. Trust Jesus to do the convincing.

Quotes

**"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?"
(Nicodemus)**