

THE CHOSEN

Season One | Episode Six

In Episode Six, the ministry of Jesus is accelerating and His public awareness is escalating. We get to watch two incredible miracles come to life, the healing of both the leper and the paralytic. Also, Nicodemus faces off with his students and challenges their perspective all while continuing to open his understanding to the possibility of God working outside of their expectations. As Jesus heals, He teaches those who are willing to listen and takes a moment to pierce the heart of the Pharisees (and provoke their rigid sensibilities). Nicodemus and Matthew, both seeking, are drawn in closer to the mystery of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** Were there any specific moments during either miraculous healing that increased your understanding of culture, scripture, or context? Were there any reactions from Jesus, His disciples, the Pharisees, or those who were healed that stood out to you?
- 2** Nicodemus says to Shmuel, “Let’s look to the ancient roads where the good way is and walk in it as Jeremiah says, and still keep our eyes open to the startling and unexpected.” How do we hold both the mystery of God and His established, written word in tension today?
- 3** “Your faith is beautiful,” Jesus says to Tamar, who lowered her friend through the roof. What does it mean for us to live with “beautiful faith” today and how might it change the way we live day-to-day?
- 4** Both Shmuel and Nicodemus are Pharisees and yet approach God very differently. What causes the difference and are there lessons (or even warnings) for us today as we approach God and people around us?