

THE CHOSEN

Season One | Episode Four

In Episode Four, time is running out for Simon Peter who is on the verge of losing his family, friends, livelihood, and possibly his life. And just like Mary Magdalene in Episode One, Simon desperately needs a miracle. Simon meets Jesus after much indifference, despite his brother Andrew's attempts to convince him of Messiah's coming. After a night of fruitless attempts to save himself, Simon encounters a miracle that absolves his debts and activates his worship and surrender. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John are invited to follow Jesus into intimate discipleship. Matthew is forced to confront "variables" he never expected and we are introduced to "Creepy John" the baptizer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** In this episode, Simon's wife Eden confronts him about his propensity to try and fix things on his own, without asking for help or seeking God for solutions. What are some signs of this behavior in our own lives and how do we avoid the trap of self-sufficiency? In addition, what are some practical ways we can pursue God and seek His direction and provision today?
- 2** We see the power of invitation as Andrew shares his encounter with Jesus with his brother Simon. Andrew then invited Jesus to get into their boat, and ultimately their lives. Is there someone in your life who is in need of your courage and invitation to experience Christ for themselves?
- 3** What are the implications of Jesus' statement, "You are to gather as many [people] as possible, of all kinds, and I will sort them out later" when it comes to our personal evangelism or sharing of the Gospel?