



VINCENT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



EPISODE 5: "THE WEDDING GIFT" PT. 1

Set the Stage: Watch first 26 minutes of episode

The episode opens with Mary searching for 12-year-old Jesus in the streets of Jerusalem. Joseph finds him in the Temple, and Mary asks Jesus to help them "get through all this" as he matures into his spiritual destiny.

Eighteen years later, Mary goes to Cana to help Dinah, an old family friend, prepare for her son's wedding. Simon goes home and tells Eden he has left his nets to follow Jesus. To his surprise, Eden is happy to hear this.

Nicodemus continues to seek answers from John the Baptist while he is in prison while Simon and Andrew join Jesus and the other disciples as they go to Cana to addend the wedding.



Session 6 Discussion Questions:

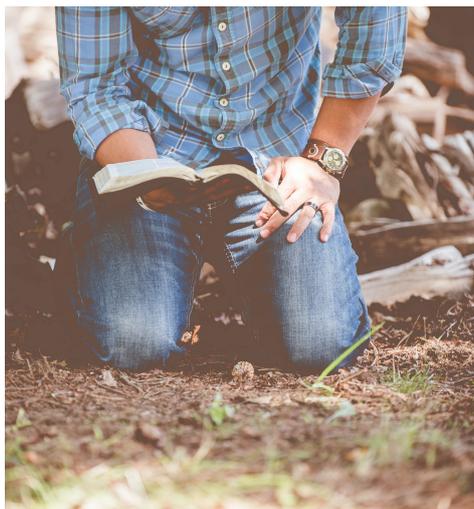
- In the opening scene, Mary's desires and expectations collided with Jesus's. Even though Jesus's relationship with the Father ranks higher than Jesus's relationship with Mary, Jesus assented to Mary's wishes. What does this story tell us about obedience and listening to family? What do we learn about Mary's desire to intercede for all brothers & sisters of Jesus, as our own "heavenly mother"?
- Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said "Tell me about your ministry." When's the last time you sat down and talked to someone you might not agree with and simply said "Tell me more"?
- Simon mentions that he and Andrew will learn by observing Jesus: "We'll watch him and do what he does... and then we'll do it ourselves...make our own mistakes..." However, Simon struggled to follow his own advice. Several times, Simon gives Jesus advice and tries to get Jesus's ministry rolling. What is your reaction to Simon's definition of "following" Jesus, and his struggle to live it out? Is it easy for me to "wait" for Jesus' timing?
- When Jesus responds to his mother as if she should know to find him in his father's house - as if he is always there - what takeaways and application might we take from that lesson when we are "searching" for Jesus?

Bible Exploration:

- Luke 2:41-52
- Proverbs 30:4
- John 20:24-29
- Isaiah 40:3

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Why were you looking for me?



Scripture Study: Luke 2:41-52 (ESV)

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

