Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

NORTHSTAR CHURCH / SEASON 3 / EPISODE 4



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Northstar Small Groups

EPISODE 4

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 6:9-13
- ▶ Luke 8:40-56
- ▶ Leviticus 13:45-46
- ▶ Luke 8:2-3
- Leviticus 15:7-12
- ▶ Ephesians 4:15

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Disciples, Eden & Simon, Tamar & Mary Magdalene, Gaius, Zebedee, Veronica, Jairus and family

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:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

- 1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
- 2. The disciples return from their mission. How did this portrayal of their surprise, delight and confusion strike you? Why was James concerned about "more fuss and scrutiny?"
- 3. Andrew said he felt "powerful." He was told that feeling was "dangerous if that is the feeling we hold onto." How can our feelings in ministry distract or disrupt us?
- 4. There is unresolved tension between Simon and Eden. How did this make you feel uneasy about during the episode? How does tension in Christian relationships spill over and impact others?

EPISODE 4 QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- 5. Joseph of Arimathea (Rabbi Joseph; seek Mark 15:43) and Jairus admit their belief in Jesus to one another. Why was it dangerous for them? What did the Sanhedrin edict later declare? Why was it difficult for these Jewish religious leaders to acknowledge Jesus?
- 6. Eden meets Veronica, and we learn that she has had a bleeding disease for 12 years. It's setting the stage for her encounter with Jesus. How did feel seeing her back story portrayed? What did you learn?
- 7. Capernaum's main cistern has been damaged and must be fixed. When something we depend on "breaks," we feel powerless. What has left you feeling powerless or at your wit's end lately?
- 8. Ministry costs money. We see the need for financing. The women discuss how to help. (Luke 8:2-3) Why do our finances cause such stress? How can we learn to depend upon God's gracious provision? What must be sacrificed at times for ministry?
- 9. Some hurtful things are said in multiple conversations. How can we learn to "speak the truth *in love*?"

QUOTES

"If people knew something that would help, I wouldn't want them to withhold it." (Veronica to Eden about water)

"Five words: You are right. I'm sorry." (Gaius to Peter)

HELPFUL LINKS

- www.northstarfamily.org Church Web
- www.dontgo.be/prayer Prayer Requests
- www.dontgo.be/groups Small Groups List

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