

# Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

NORTHSTAR CHURCH / SEASON 3 / EPISODE 7



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## The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

Northstar Small Groups

### EPISODE 7

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Luke 14:15-24
- Matthew 1:1-17
- Isaiah 43:19
- Mark 7:31-37
- Isaiah 42:1-4

#### CHARACTERS

Jesus, Gaius, Atticus, Mary Magdalene, Tamar, Pharisee, Disciples, Leander, Deaf man, Decapolis crowd

#### 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 episode opens celebration as the Jews celebrate Purim (Esther 3:1-6). In such festivity, we see Simon (Peter) yelling and breaking a pot. The episode concludes with Peter breaking down and telling John about Eden losing the baby. **Stop for a moment and pray as a group, as this episode is powerful and will need your heart to be soft to receive hope in Jesus.**
3. Why is Simon's situation so painful? How is it also personal to you? When have you been disappointed by Jesus?
4. How does John (who had been frustrated to have to wait on Simon) pivot and begin to minister to Simon? How can we also learn to die to ourselves and see others' need?

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### QUESTIONS CONTINUED

5. The Decapolis is in “full-scale meltdown” because Andrew and Philip had preached there. What parable did they tell? Why did it turn to region upside down and cause riots?
6. How can we learn to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and also be more shrewd in our communication of the gospel to others? What happens when we’re not wise in our communication?
7. We see a flashback that explains why Matthew has prayer tassels hidden in a box. What is the storyline here, and what does it mean when he ties them to his garment? What visible display of your faith in God might you need to make? What practical thing reminds yourself of your faith in Jesus?
8. Simon discovers that Gaius has a sick servant boy - who is really his son by a slave woman. How does that explain his interest in Jesus? How can we be sensitive to people’s interest in Jesus when they’re experiencing trials or hardships?
9. Mary Magdalene told Matthew, “Sometimes God sends a dove.” What did she mean? Has God ever sent you a “dove?” How did you realize that?
10. Close your group by thinking about someone you know that is disappointed with Jesus. (It could be you!) How can a hard heart prevent healing? Pray for others/ one another to have soft hearts and to allow Jesus to speak and heal disappointment.

## QUOTES

**“Life was easier when I fished.”** (Simon)

**“John, I love you, but that’s not the approach I take to people in pain.”** (Jesus; see also *John 21:7, 20*)

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [www.northstarfamily.org](http://www.northstarfamily.org) - Church Web
- [www.dontgo.be/prayer](http://www.dontgo.be/prayer) - Prayer Requests
- [www.dontgo.be/groups](http://www.dontgo.be/groups) - Small Groups List

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