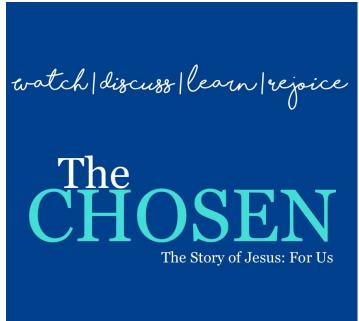
Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 6- Indescribable Compassion





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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Matthew 8:1-4
- ▶ Luke 18:1-14
- Luke 12: 36-48
- Mark 2:1-12
- Matthew 6: 1-18

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Simon, Andrew, Tamar, The Leper, James, John, The Paralytic

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. Who would you equate with a tax collector today? A Roman soldier? A Jewish citizen?
- 2. There was a LOT of compassion emphasized in this episode. From not giving publicly to the healing of a leper. How did Jesus preach about and show compassion? Do you think there is a difference between compassion, giving, empathy and good will?
- 3. Let's talk more about leprosy, Leprosy is one of the major diseases in the time of Jesus. It was the sickness that renders a person no longer worthy of dignity, love or community. Are there any "like" situations in our society today that would cause a person to no longer have dignity? How do you think Jesus would treat them?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- 4. What's holding you back from the kind of bold faith the leper had?
- 5. How can you connect with people in your life who aren't part of the "in" crowd, as Jesus did?
- 6. In order to take such extreme measures, what must the four men, who carried their friend, believed about Jesus?

QUOTES

The Leper: "Please don't turn away from me."

Jesus: "I won't."

Matthew: "They don't believe what I saw, but I do. I need to know, am I deceived?"

Nicodemus: "If God did something that you felt contradicted the Torah, would you tell him to get back in that box you have carved for him, or would you question your interpretation of the Torah?"

Mary Magdalene: "I don't want to interrupt the Teacher by causing a scene."

The Paralytic: "What if you were me?"

Jesus to Tamar: "Your faith is beautiful."