

The CHOSEN

Season 4. Episode One. Discussion Guide

For Churches

For the Leader

Dive deeper into Season 4 of *The Chosen* with your group!

We've created these episode guides to help you lead meaningful discussions following each episode of *The Chosen*.

As you watch, discuss, and pray together, we hope these questions help your group unpack what they've seen and dig deeper into the Bible.

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A look at the crushing, corrupting power of power—and its limits, too.

Watch

Before you watch this episode...

If you're going to watch the episode together as a group, you might want to take a moment to remind everyone where Season 3 left off. Big thing to remember: John the Baptizer is in prison. You can even tease the theme of the discussion—the crushing, corrupting power of power and its limits, too—asking them to keep this in mind.

Discuss

1. You knew the death of John the Baptist was coming—especially if you've been able to spend time in the Scriptures. What was it that ultimately cost him his life?

If you're looking for a way to sum it all up for the group, maybe go with this: John challenged the powers of the world—and it cost him his life. Read Luke 3:1-20 to see his confrontational preaching and the story of his death.

2. The episode ends with the prophetic blessing that John's father, Zechariah, spoke over him as an infant. Let's listen to it together. **Break to read Luke 1:68-79.** That's filled with a lot of victory talk, which is jarring in the wake of John's death. Is darkness truly being swallowed up by light? Is there reason to have hope, even when we don't see victory yet?
3. Let's place the story of The Chosen alongside our own. Where have you seen the powers of the world crushingly at work in your world—and how do you not lose hope, that you might show John-like resolve?
4. Though power corrupts and crushes, we often want to possess it ourselves. (See Judas at the start of the episode, for example.) Why is it so tempting for us to grasp for power as followers of Jesus? And are there ways for us to push against the pull?

Pray

Here are 2 questions to guide your groups closing prayer:

1. If you were to offer a word of thanks to God for something that comforted you in this episode, what would it be?
2. If you were to ask God's help in living life in a new way in light of this episode, how would you sum up this new way of life?

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