



THE CHOSEN

SEASON FOUR

Study Guide

This study guide is adapted from the one created by Come and See ministries (www.comeandsee.net). It's intended to help you engage the episodes of *The Chosen: Season 4* in a more meaningful way. We pray this guide helps you to unpack what you have seen and dig deeper into the scriptures.

Season 4 Episode One

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

Watch

The big thing to remember from where Season 3 left off is that John the Baptizer is in prison. Keep in mind the theme of the episode: the crushing, corrupting power of power.

Ponder

1. What was it that ultimately cost John the Baptizer his life?
2. 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?
3. Though power corrupts and crushes, we often want to possess it ourselves. Why is it so tempting for us to grasp at power? Are there ways for us to push against the pull?

Pray *(use these questions to guide you as you pray)*

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 a new way in light of this episode, how would you sum up this new way of life?

Season 4 Episode Two

A look at seeking—and offering—forgiveness.

Watch

A lot happens in this episode. Keep in mind the theme of seeking and offering forgiveness.

Ponder

1. For the long-standing feud between Peter and Judas to come to an end, two things had to happen: Judas needed to ask for forgiveness, and Peter needed to grant it. Why is it so hard for us to seek forgiveness?
2. Matthew eventually asks for forgiveness, and he completely botches it. What should asking for forgiveness look like—and what *shouldn't* it look like?
3. Peter struggles to offer forgiveness—and we do, too. Why is it so hard for us to extend forgiveness?
4. What should offering forgiveness look like—and what *shouldn't* it look like?

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Season 4 Episode Three

A look at the dark trajectory of upward mobility.

Watch

This episode ends in devastating fashion, the fallout of which is shown in the next episode. The questions below do still manage to speak to this episode's ending.

Ponder

1. James, John, and their mother Salome are obsessed with gaining a higher status among others. Upward mobility is often an obsession of ours, too. Why?
2. What are the challenges and temptations that come with upward mobility?
3. If you were to naturally or rightly gain higher status—and with it, power and influence—what are some ways to avoid abusing your power and influence?

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Season 4 Episode Four

A look at how to comfort someone in grief—and how not to.

Watch

A large part of this episode shows the fallout from what happened in Episode Three. The main theme for this episode is how you should—and maybe *shouldn't*—comfort someone knee-deep in grief.

Ponder

1. This episode finds the disciples stumbling their way through helping one particular disciple in his grief. Name the good and the bad in their efforts, and why it's good or bad.
2. Scripture and theological propositions are often used to comfort someone in grief, and both have the power to help and to heal. But how do you use them thoughtfully and carefully?
3. Anger is a natural part of grief, but it can grow unhealthy. How do you know when a person's grief has led to unhealthy anger, and how can you help them find their way out of it?

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