

The Chosen

Season 1: Episode 8, Part 1 (25 minutes)

“Jesus rebuked the fever.”

- 1) Read the following Scripture passage aloud: Luke 4:38-39
(Each student needs their own Bible to read and reflect on the Scripture passage.)
- 2) Allow the students to re-read the same passage again, this time silently.
Reading the passage two times allows us to be clear on all the details so that we become more familiar with what is happening.
- 3) What “stood out” for you in the passage? Allow the students a minute to think about this.
Ask 2 or 3 students to share their response aloud.
- 4) Watch Episode 8, Part 1
Brief Overview:
 - The episode starts with a scene from the Old Testament. In the land of Canaan, Jacob and his sons dig for water on the land they purchased. In Jacob’s conversation with a man about God, Jacob says “We didn’t choose God, He chose us.”
 - The Samaritan woman – Photina – comes by herself in the heat of the day to get water from Jacob’s well. Photina asks for a certificate of divorce from her husband
 - The Apostles and Jesus are enjoying a dinner party at Matthew’s house. Two of the Pharisees hear the crowd and condemn Jesus because He is eating with sinners.
 - Jesus speaks with Simon about his concern for his wife and sick mother-in-law.
 - Jesus visits Simon and Eden’s home, telling Eden that she has a role in His ministry.
 - Jesus heals Eden’s mother (her eema).

A 4 minute video clip is available on YouTube (link below) that shows Jesus calling Matthew the Tax Collector. This part is summarized in Bullets 4, 5 and 6 above.

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- **This video clip is appropriate for older children:** Note: Prior details of what led to this part will need to be provided.

- 5) What “stood out” for you in the Episode? If needed, some of the list from the brief overview above could be named for students to help think about what was most impactful for them.

- 6) Go back and re-read the Scripture passage again.
After the process of reading the Scripture passage, writing down what “stood out” for you, and watching the Episode, what now stands out the most for you?

- 7) Discussion questions:
 - What thoughts come to mind for you about God in hearing Jacob’s words, “We didn’t choose Him; He chose us.”
 - Why did it make the Pharisees so angry that Jesus was eating with tax collectors and sinners?
 - Jesus told Eden that she “will have a role to play in all of this.” What do you think that role will be?

- 8) Close the session in a prayer. Thank Jesus for two specific things, no matter how small.