

Season One

Episode 7

Invitations

- Many episodes of the Chosen show a scene from long ago in the history of Israel in the Old Testament. Today it was from Numbers 21:4-9. Somebody in your group read it out loud. We'll refer to that in a later question.
- Nicodemus was in such turmoil over Jesus, he was willing to miss his 5th grandson's circumcision or "Naming Day." Which special once in a lifetime ceremonies in your family is everyone expected to attend?
- Why was Matthew so jittery going to see his family and why did he want to talk to his parents? What big question did he ask his mother?
- Describe your relationship with your parents.
- Compare Gaius and Matthew's mother's opinion of Matthew's career.
- How did God use Matthew's logic draw him toward Jesus? How did God use Nicodemus' logic to draw him toward Jesus?
- What did you notice about Simon, when Andrew got to assist with the Nicodemus meeting instead of him?
- The disciple John was listening outside to Nicodemus and Jesus. John later wrote about this the Bible. The Gospel of John, Chapter 3 is the only place this meeting is reported. Have someone read out loud verses 1-16. Talk about verses 3,14 and 16.
- If Nicodemus goes with Jesus, what must he give up or suffer?
- Matthew had intelligence, a career and wealth. When Jesus called, why did Matthew just walk away from everything?
- In your own life, what must you give up to follow Jesus? How does someone "follow Jesus" in this century? You can start right now.