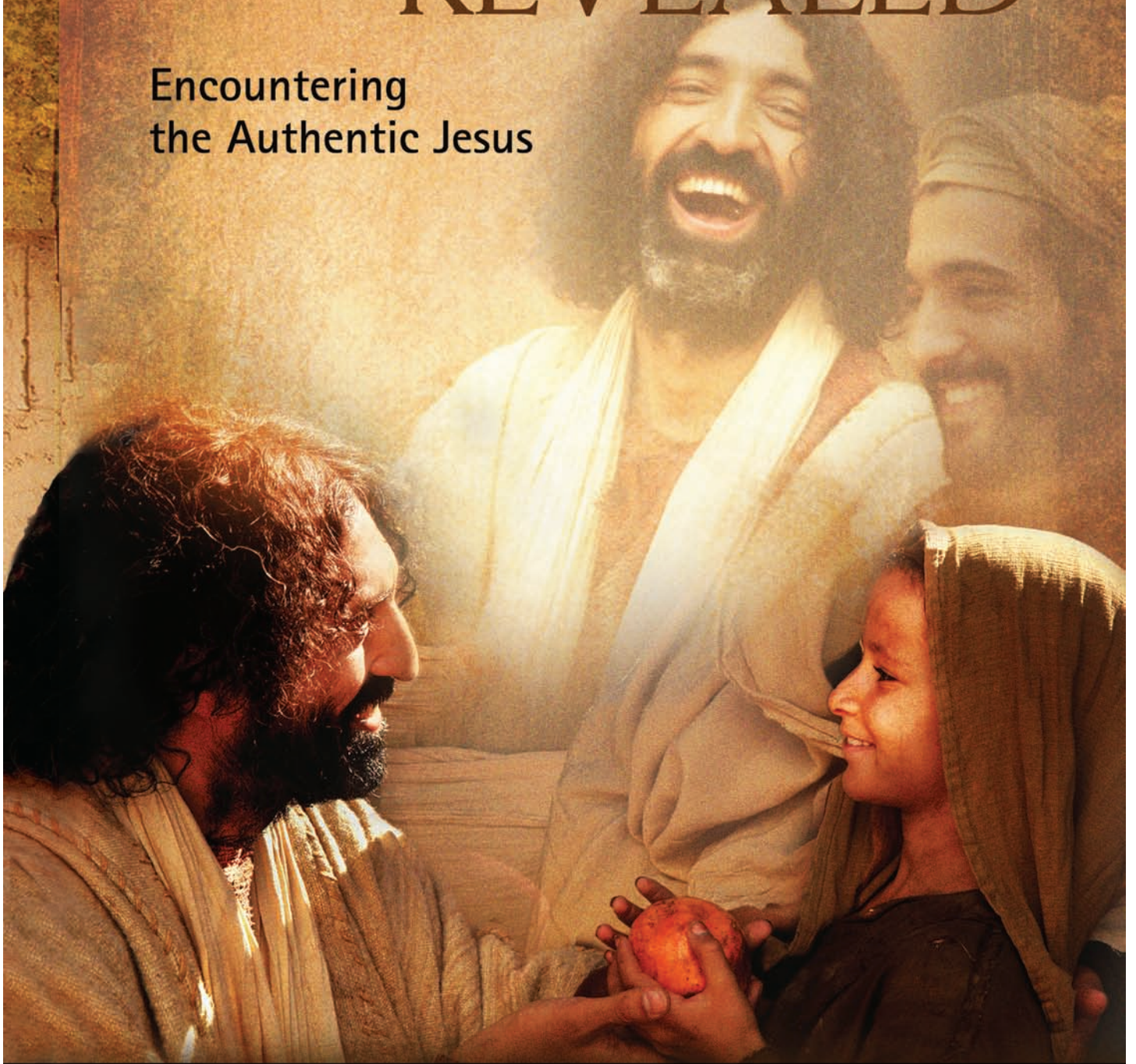


DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR

JESUS REVEALED

Encountering
the Authentic Jesus



DISC 2: HEADLINER | DREAMER

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Note to users of this study guide: Each of the two episodes on this disc (Headliner and Dreamer) has been further indexed into short segments. You can use your DVD remote to advance through the segments. You may choose to watch an entire episode with your group and then answer the questions, or pause the DVD for discussion between each of the segments.

EPISODE 4 – HEADLINER

Segment 1 – Who is your headliner? (00:05)

View segment 1 and discuss the following questions:

- What or whom do you follow? (It's okay to be honest!)
- People often talk about following fashion trends, sports teams, TV shows, political figures, etc. How do these things compare (positively or negatively) with the call to follow Jesus?
- Are there times when you have exchanged following Jesus for following a list of activities and church programs? If so, why do we do this?

Segment 2 – Who do you say I am? (01:21)

View segment 2 and read Matthew 16:13-20.

- Andy suggests that Peter had not fully grasped the gravity of his confession about who Jesus is. Though we profess to be Christians, do you think there are times when we fail to comprehend who Jesus is?
- Do you follow Jesus, or do you sometimes expect Him to follow you? Explain.

Segment 3 – His face shone like the sun. (02:47)

View segment 3 and read Matthew 17:1-9.

- Jesus takes the three disciples up a large mountain. Why do you think He led them up a mountain?
- Peter, James and John experience the true depth of the reality of Jesus on top of the mountain. Have you ever had one of these "mountain top" moments?
- If you experienced being on top of that mountain with Jesus tonight, how do you think it would alter the next 24 hours of your life?
- How do you respond to this idea that we sometimes treat Jesus as a hobby or a game?

Segment 4 – Moses and Elijah talk with Jesus. (05:54)

View segment 4 and discuss the following questions:

- How does Jesus pull together and fulfill the law and the prophets?
- How is your life story being shaped as you follow Jesus?

Segment 5 – Get up; don't be afraid. (09:50)

View segment 5 and discuss these questions:

- When the disciples are afraid, Jesus touches them and says, "Do not be afraid." In what ways do you think Jesus would want to reach out and reassure you today?
- Peter wants to build three shelters as a memorial to mark this encounter with God. Why do you think he was rebuked for this idea?
- Verse 8 says that the disciples looked up and saw only Jesus. Why is this significant?
- What has this episode and this discussion inspired you to do practically?

Father God, we are sorry for when we have forgotten the power and the splendor of Jesus. We are sorry for when we have failed to make Jesus the headline in our lives. Help us to see Your son Jesus more clearly. Help us to discover a greater sense of His Glory and Radiance that we might worship more fully. Help us to discover a greater sense of His story and centrality that we might live more fully. Help us to discover a greater sense of His grace and intimacy that we might love more fully. By Your Spirit, help us experience the reality of Jesus. May He be the headliner in our lives. Amen.

EPISODE 5 – DREAMER

Segment 1 – The dream of Jesus (00:04)

View segment 1 and discuss the following questions:

- What were your childhood dreams? Did any of them come true?
- What do you dream about and long for now?

Segment 2 – He began to teach them. (01:47)

View segment 2 and discuss these questions:

- Do you think it is accurate to call Jesus a dreamer? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the teaching of Jesus has challenged so many activists to dream for a better world?
- Why do you think that we sometimes put people down for being dreamers?

Segment 3 – Blessed are the poor in spirit. (03:37)

View segment 3 and read Matthew 5:1-11.

- Why do you think Jesus begins His message by speaking about blessings?
- Andy argues that blessings don't come from what we own or attain but from knowing God more intimately. Do you agree with this concept? If so, do our lives reflect this?

Segment 4 – Love your enemies. (06:18)

View segment 4 and read Matthew 5:43-48.

- Jesus calls us to love our enemies. What does that actually look like? Have you ever done it?
- Can you think of examples where your life would have been better if you had chosen to love an enemy?

Segment 5 – Do not be like the hypocrites... (08:52)

View segment 5 and read Matthew 6:1-18.

- In this era of self-promotion and instant celebrity, how can we remain humble?
- What do you make of Jesus' statement about forgiveness in verse 14?

Segment 6 – A wise man who built his house on the rock (10:36)

View segment 6 and read Matthew 7:24-29.

- How can being in a relationship with God actually make you more joyful and humble?
- How does living your life on the rock of Jesus' teaching make you more stable, joyful and humble?
- Is this dream that Jesus preaches just a bunch of nice ideas, or can it really be put into action in our daily lives? How?
- What has this episode and this discussion inspired you to do practically?

Father, we thank you for the life of Jesus, the words He spoke and actions He lived. We thank you for the audacity of Jesus to speak out a different kind of dream. We thank you for the invitation to join You in seeing this dream become reality. We are sorry for the times when we have sought blessings in the wrong places. We are sorry for the times when we have hated our enemies. We are sorry for the times when we have been proud and arrogant. By your Spirit, mold us and shape us. Give us a deeper sense of joy, that we may rest in You. Reveal how much you love us, that we can love others. Help us to remain humble, that our lives may point to You. Amen.



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