

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR

JESUS REVEALED

Encountering
the Authentic Jesus



DISC 3: WILDMAN | WRESTLER

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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.

EPIISODE 6 – WILDMAN

Segment 1 – Defining moments (00:00)

View segment 1 and read Matthew 3:13-17. Discuss these questions:

- Do you think Christians should live lives that are polite, sensible, predictable and careful? Why or why not?
- Have you ever thought of Jesus as being wild and unpredictable? Can you think of stories throughout the Gospels that support this idea?
- Do you think Jesus appeared to be impolite, eccentric, irresponsible and foolish in the eyes of some people? Can you think of specific examples in Scripture?
- At the Jordan, Jesus is reminded of His identity. How does knowing His identity shape His actions going forward?

Segment 2 – Tell these stones to become bread (02:54)

View segment 2 and read Matthew 4: 1-11. Discuss the following questions:

- Has the Holy Spirit ever led you into the wilderness...a place of hardship, sacrifice and temptation? How did you respond? What did you learn about yourself and about God?
- Jesus was tempted to turn rocks into bread while He was on a fast. Are there times when you have been tempted to do something when the timing is wrong?
- Andy mentions being tempted to feast instead of fast, to keep instead of give, to say "yes" when it is time to say "no." Can you think of some concrete areas of your life where you see this tendency?

Segment 3 – If You are the Son of God... (05:56)

View segment 3 and discuss the following questions:

- Satan tries to use Scripture to trick Jesus. How do we make sure we do not fall prey to misinterpreting the Bible?
- Jesus is able to persevere through the temptations because He knows His identity. What is your identity in Christ? (Group leaders may want to refer to Scripture passages such as Ephesians 1:4, Romans 5:1, John 15:15, I Corinthians 12:27, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 2:10, I John 5:4, Galatians 3:26-29, Galatians 4:4-7.)
- How does knowing your identity in Christ help you deal with temptation and doubt?

Segment 4 – All this I will give You... (09:30)

Segment 5 – Worship the Lord your God... (11:06)

View segments 4 and 5 and discuss the following questions:

- What is your mission?
- How have you been tempted to take shortcuts...to ignore or diminish God's calling on your life?
- Do you think Christians should live lives that are wild, risky and non-conformist? (Your group may want to spend some time defining these terms.)
- What has this episode and discussion inspired you to do practically within the next 24 hours?

Lord God, in the seasons of life, we thank You for the times by the Jordan, when we know Your presence clearly. We thank You for the times that You remind us of our identity. We thank You for the times of refreshing. In the seasons of life, help us to know when You are calling us into battle in the wilderness. Help us fight the lies and the deceptions of the evil one. Help us remember just who we are in Your sight. By the Jordan and in the wilderness, may we know that You are God, and may we live as Your children. Amen.

EPIISODE 7 – WRESTLER

Segment 1 – The Choice (00:02)

Segment 2 – Gethsemane (01:35)

View segments 1 and 2 and read Matthew 26:36-45. Discuss the following questions:

- What are some of the hardest decisions you have ever had to make?
- What part did prayer take in those decisions?
- How does the concept of Jesus as a “wrestler” challenge or comfort you?

Segment 3 – Overwhelmed to the point of death (03:48)

Segment 4 – Not my will but Yours (05:23)

View segments 3 and 4 and discuss the following questions:

- How easy do you find it to call God your Father when you are going through suffering?
- Why do you think Peter, James and John failed to stay awake in the garden?
- How do you deal with it when you have a heavy decision to make and friends fail to support you?
- How does contemplating the tremendous pressure Jesus was under as he chose to go to the cross inspire you to worship?

Segment 5 – Arise! Let Us Go! (10:05)

View segment 5 and discuss the following questions:

- Have you ever prayed “not my will but yours” and meant it?
- How would things be different if we made our decisions based not upon our personal agendas but based upon God’s will?
- How would this prayer change the outlook of the world?
- What has following Jesus cost you?
- What is Jesus asking you to sacrifice?
- What has this episode and discussion inspired you to do practically?

Jesus, teach us to pray like You prayed. Help us to pray “Not my will but Yours.” Whether the decisions are big or small, “Not my will but Yours.” Whether the decisions are simple or complicated, “Not my will but Yours.” Whether the decision is ours or shared, “Not my will but Yours.” Whether the decision is easy or difficult, “Not my will but Yours.” Amen.



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