



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3, Episode 23

What Does It Mean To Be Favored By God?

When you say someone is favored, what does it mean? Today, we will look at what the Bible says about finding favor with God.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on the *Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we finished our conversation about the 1st-century Jewish engagement process and how that connected to the Last Supper and our relationship with Jesus.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

What does finding favor with someone mean to you?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Luke 1:26-30**.

Why do you think Mary found favor in the eyes of God?

Pick several of the examples of God giving favor below for discussion and read those aloud. **Genesis 6:8, Galatians 3:18, Genesis 39:21, Exodus 33:17, Acts 7:46, Daniel 1:9, Luke 1:25, Luke 1:30, Luke 2:52.**

Why did God give these examples of favor, and what did the favor of God look like in their lives?

Are there similarities or differences between these people and God's favor across these examples?

How do these other people who found favor with God in the Bible connect with Mary?



**How do other depictions or views of Mary contradict or complement
The biblical examples of being favored by God?**

Application

Take time to apply what you have discussed to yourself and the Bible.

**When are times you have received or experienced favor from God in
your life?**

What makes it difficult for people to humble themselves before God?

For Next Week:

Next week on the *Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we will discuss the miraculous nature of Mary's pregnancy.

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

**Pray that the Lord would help us humble ourselves so we can
live obediently in the Kingdom of God and experience the fullness of
His blessing.**

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[The Forgotten Jesus Book](#)

Pastor Robby Gallaty's book, *The Forgotten Jesus*, dives into the fact that our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life in Jewish men and women. Discover the Jewishness of Jesus in *The Forgotten Jesus*.

