



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 4, Episode 9

How God Works in the Wilderness

We've all been there at some point; it's a hard season in life. The question we have to ask ourselves is this: What is God trying to teach me in those hard times when we're in the wilderness?

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we discussed baptism and John the Baptist.

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

1. How is the value or weight of written words in Bible times different than it is today? How does that impact how we read ancient words?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud [Matthew 3:1-7](#).

Separation

1. What are some of the purposes of testing and difficulties in the Bible?

Preparation

2. What is God preparing John the Baptist or his listeners for?

Revelation

3. What did God reveal to the Israelites in the Old Testament during their times in the wilderness?
4. How has God used moments in the "wilderness" throughout the Bible to reveal things about Himself?



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

Have someone read aloud [John 3:30](#).

1. Do you think you would respond the same way John the Baptist did with his life? Could you hand over everything you worked for to another?
2. If you are in a wilderness season of just coming out one, what is God teaching you through that? Was it a season of Separation, Preparation, or Revelation?
3. In the triangle of knowing God, loving God, and obeying God, which of these areas comes the easiest for you, and which is the most difficult for you? Why?

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray as a group at the end of your conversation. Here is a prompt:

1. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength in the deserts of life.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 - 3 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes, on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

[The Infinite Game](#) by Simon Sinek

Simon Sinek offers a framework for leading with an infinite mindset. In pursuit of a Just Cause, we will commit to a vision of a future world so appealing that we will build it week after week, month after month, year after year.

F260 Bible Reading Plan and Scripture Memorization

The F260 is a Bible reading plan for busy believers that walks readers through 260 foundational passages over a year, including weekly memory verses. You can find that plan [here](#).

