

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 5, Episode 3

The Connection Between Sandals and Kinsman Redeemers ***John 1:19-28***

Discussion Questions

1. What does John 1:19-28 reveal about John the Baptist's understanding of his mission and identity?
2. How does John's humility in acknowledging Jesus as "the one coming after me" challenge cultural views of leadership and self-promotion?
3. Why do you think the religious leaders were so interested in investigating John the Baptist?
4. Discuss the significance of the phrase "whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to untie" in its cultural and historical context.
5. How does the concept of the kinsman-redeemer in Deuteronomy 25:5-10 help us understand Jesus' role as our Redeemer?
6. Compare the imagery of removing sandals in the context of redemption (Ruth 4:7-8) to the humility John displays. What spiritual truths can we draw from this?
7. How does John's baptism prepare the way for the Messiah? What does it signify about repentance and renewal?
8. What does Exodus 3:4-5 and Joshua 5:13-15 teach us about the holiness of God and the response of removing sandals?
9. Why is it significant that John declares himself unworthy even to untie Jesus' sandals, in light of Moses and Joshua's encounters with God?
10. How does understanding Jesus as the ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer impact your view of salvation and grace?

Application Questions

1. In what ways can we, like John, point others to Jesus in our daily lives?
2. How can you cultivate humility in your own walk with Christ?
3. What does it look like for you to “make straight the way of the Lord” in your community?
4. How can you show others the redemptive love of Christ in practical ways this week?
5. Reflect on an area where you’ve tried to take the lead instead of surrendering to Jesus as the true Redeemer. How can you realign your focus?
6. What steps can you take to embrace and live out your identity as one redeemed by Christ?
7. How does the understanding of God’s holiness (e.g., the removal of sandals) affect the way you approach Him in worship and prayer?
8. Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus, our Kinsman-Redeemer? How will you share with them?
9. Reflect on your past: Are there moments where God redeemed situations in ways you hadn’t expected? How can these experiences encourage others?
10. How does understanding the rich cultural and biblical symbolism deepen your faith and appreciation of Scripture?

Prayer Prompt

Spend time as a group praising God for His role as our Redeemer and thank Him for the gift of Jesus Christ. Pray for the humility to decrease so that He may increase in your life (John 3:30). Ask for opportunities to share the message of redemption with others.

Additional Resources

- **Books:**
 - *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty
 - *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg
- **Podcasts:**
 - *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* (Season 5, Episode 3)
 - *BEMA Discipleship Podcast* by Marty Solomon
- **Bible Study Tools:**
 - *The Bible in a Year: A Guided Scripture Reading Journey for Women* by Kandi Gallaty
 - Cross-references in Deuteronomy 25, Ruth 4, and John 1.
- **Scripture Reading Plans:**
 - F260 Bible Reading Plan

- NT260 for Teens
- **Online:**
 - Articles on the kinsman-redeemer concept from *First Fruits of Zion* and *Ariel Ministries*.

Encourage participants to dive deeper into the connections between Old and New Testament themes to grow in their understanding of Christ's redemptive work.