

### Season 3

#### Episode 9: Stranger In A Strange Land

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#### Episode Information:

A power play ensues between Jack and the Others as Juliet's future hangs in the balance. Meanwhile, Kate, Sawyer and Karl continue on their journey away from Alcatraz.

#### New Characters:

- Achara - Spiritual Tattoo Artist - Flashback off Island
- Chet - Achara's brother - Flashback off Island
- Isabel - One of the Others - On Island

#### Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- "Stranger in a Strange Land" deals primarily with Jack's search for who he is at heart. In this particular lesson we will be focusing on him in the context of how we develop into the people we become.

#### Key Show Facts:

- Juliet is on trial for killing Pickett.
- Jack is asked to treat Ben's infected stitches, initially he refuses, but later agrees to help Ben but requires that Juliet is not killed.
- Jack encounters the "kidnapped" passengers from flight 815.
- Sawyer, Kate, and Karl continue on their journey away from the "Alcatraz" island.
- Ben, Jack, and several of the others leave the "home" island.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Jack's past including his time in Thailand and how he came to become tattooed.

#### Time for speculation on the show – Sample Topics

- What actually happened to all the kidnapped people that reappeared?
- What do you think will happen to Jack now?

If you could look back on last week's show and plan this lesson... what would you focus on?

Review: What do we know about Jack?

#### Scripture: Exodus 4:10, 11 (The Message)

Moses raised another objection to God: "Master, please, I don't talk well. I've never been good with words, neither before nor after you spoke to me. I stutter and stammer." God said, "And who do you think made the human mouth? And who makes some mute, some deaf, some sighted, some blind? Isn't it I, God? So, get going. I'll be right there with you—with your mouth! I'll be right there to teach you what to say."

- What does the teaching mean to you?
  - What is the main theme/point of the passage?
  - What does it imply in terms of how we come to be who we are?

#### Clip 1 – Finding Yourself... – 12:21 – 14:12 – "I'm a very likable guy"

- What determines who we are?
  - Nature?
    - Contextual Definition: Genetic and various inborn biological factors affecting overall development.
  - Nurture?
    - Contextual Definition: Any environmental (not genetic) factor in the contemporary

nature versus nurture debate. This includes the influences on development arising from prenatal, parental, extended family and peer experiences, extending to influences such as media, marketing and socio-economic status.

- Think for a moment about yourself...
  - What is a natural characteristic you believe contributes to the person you are today?
  - What is a nurture related characteristic you believe contributes to the person you are today?
- How do you think that Exodus 4:10, 11 relates to the nature/nurture argument?
  - From the perspective of nature?
    - God created each of us with specific talents, gifts, and weaknesses?
  - From the perspective of nurture?
    - God surrounded us with certain people, in a certain place?

### **Clip 2 – Finding Yourself... – 28:45 – 32:40 – “Tell me who I am”**

- Why does Jack want to know who he is?
  - Don't we know who we are?
  - Who is it that tells us who we are?
- Achara tells Jack he is...
  - A Leader
  - A great man
  - Lonely
  - Frightened
  - Angry
    - In terms of nature where did Jack get each of these characteristics?
    - In terms of nurture where did Jack develop each of these characteristics?
- In the real world what might cause a person to get/develop these same characteristics?

### **Clip 3 – Finding Yourself... – 40:30 – 41:30 – “That's not what they mean”**

- What does Jack mean when he emphasizes the difference between what his tattoos say and mean?
  - They say “He Walks Amongst Us But He Is Not One Of Us”.
  - What do they mean?
    - To Jack?
    - To you?
  - Is this the same difference as the person we project to the world and who we are inside?
    - Are you always the same person?
      - Where are you most yourself?
      - Where are you least yourself?
- Ben claims that Juliet is “One of us”
  - Taking into account what we have discussed in this lesson...
    - Who is she really?
      - One of the Others?
      - The Fertility Doctor who wants to go home?
        - Which side will prevail?

### **Devotional Activity: (Time expected 15 minutes)**

Everyone will take a piece of construction paper and think of five characteristics that make them who they are inside. Once you have decided upon five personal characteristics that make you... you, use markers, colored pencils, magazine clippings, etc. to design your own spiritual tattoo on the construction paper. The symbols can be made up or real. Once you have completed your five symbols. Everyone will share each of their symbols and what they mean.

**Further Speculation:**

- Why did Ben have Juliet marked? What does the mark mean?

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Most recent episode also available at <http://dynamic.abc.go.com/streaming/landing> - streaming only.

Scripture courtesy of <http://www.biblegateway.com>. Definitions courtesy of <http://www.wikipedia.com>.

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