



# The CHOSEN

**Season 4, Episode Six** Discussion Guide

A look at the way of the Shepherd



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### Before you get started...

As a way to transition from watching the episode to discussing it, it might be helpful to read the Scripture that rests at the heart of Episode Six: John 10:1-18.

## Discuss

1. The episode begins with a playful retelling of the Maccabean (pronounced mack-uh-bee-uhn) revolt, a time when a circle of Jewish men fought back against Greek occupiers. But the rest of the episode shows Jesus choosing the way of a shepherd, not a warrior. Keeping in mind both a literal shepherd and the ministry of Jesus, what does the way of a shepherd look like?
2. What would have happened if Jesus had chosen the way of the warrior toward the enemies of God—which is exactly what Judas (and even the Pharisees) want him to do? What happens when we choose the way of the warrior and not the shepherd?
3. The fierce love of a shepherd does require a fight at times. In fact, Jesus “fights” in this episode. When is a fight necessary, and what does a fair and loving fight look like?

*Here is an opportunity to revisit a scene from the last episode—the subversive “fight” that unfolded when the disciples choose to go an extra mile for the Roman soldiers.*

4. While we can choose not to fight, others can still choose to fight us—as evidenced in the attempt to stone Jesus and his followers. When violence of any kind is shown to us—verbal, spiritual, emotional, even physical—how can we remain true to the way of the shepherd?

## Pray

Here are 2 questions to guide your group's closing prayer:

1. If you were to offer a word of thanks to God for something that comforted you in this episode, what would it be?
2. If you were to ask God's help in living life in a new way in light of this episode, how would you sum up this new way of life?

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