

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

PREQUEL- The Shepherd



watch | discuss | learn | rejoice

The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

THE PREQUEL: THE SHEPHERD

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Luke 2:1-18
- ▶ Micah 5:2-3
- ▶ Ezekiel 34:23-24
- ▶ Isaiah 9:2-7
- ▶ Isaiah 35:3-6

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Bring to Group:

Write a paragraph about how this episode helped you think about Jesus' birth and its impact in a different light.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. What is the significance of beginning the story of Jesus featuring a lame shepherd?
2. What was the attitude of the people toward shepherds?
3. How did it impact you hearing the prophecies about the Messiah read in the synagogue, before Jesus came?
4. What special details were present in the video that amplified your understanding of this event?
5. What inspired you/touched you?
6. How can you experience the joy of the shepherds anew?

Thank God that Jesus is the spotless lamb, a perfect sacrifice, for you!

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THE SHEPHERD

The story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem is one of the most familiar to Christians. In the pilot episode of "The Chosen," Director Dallas Jenkins tells the story of Christmas through the eyes of one of the Luke 2 shepherds, providing a view-through "fresh eyes."

1. What were your overall **first impressions** of the short film *The Shepherd*? How would you **describe it** to a friend or family member?
2. What was the **main message** of *The Shepherd* as you **caught it**?
3. What was the **most impactful** part of *The Shepherd* for you? What is going to **stick with you** for a while?
4. Which part of the story was **most relatable** to you? What situation or scenario most **connected to you** in your life right now?
5. What if anything in the movie was **biblically inaccurate**? Why do you th
6. How did seeing these biblical events portrayed visually **deepen your understanding** and appreciation of them?
7. If you were the director/producer/screenwriter of *The Shepherd*, **what would you have done differently**?
8. What specifically did you learn about **humankind (our condition)** from this movie? What did it teach you about the **brokenness of human beings**?

9. What specifically did you **learn about God** from this movie? Did the **gospel come through clearly**? If so in what ways?
10. Which **teachings of Christ** were most prominent in the movie? Were they **accurately described and defined**?
11. In what ways were life's ultimate questions regarding identity, belonging, and purpose addressed?
- Identity
 - Purpose
 - Belonging
12. What **issue or idea** addressed in the movie do you want to **learn or think about more**? What is a question that you have about *The Shepherd* film that has yet to be addressed?



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Sharing God's glory through sight, song, & story