

Revelation 5 September 22 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, watch a video, and ask two questions (20 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life.

Then, read Revelation 5:1-14.

After reading, watch the Week 6 life group introductory video on Revelation.

Questions to ask:

- When was the last time you really worshiped Jesus? Explain.
- In general, what most helps to cultivate a sense of awe and worship in you towards him?

Break into smaller groups for deeper discussion (40 minutes).

• In this text and in Dan's sermon, there is talk of a scroll. What do you learn about the scroll and its seven seals in Revelation 5:1-5? Why do you think John weeps over no one being able to open it? What do you think it contains? Who alone is able to open it and what qualifies him to do so?

- Has there ever been a time when you've wept because something in God's will had not yet been fully realized? Why or why not? Explain.
- Now take a few moments and consider your own unworthiness to open the scroll because
 of your sin. Are there any areas you need to "weep" because of the sin in your life?
- How does John describe the Lamb in Revelation 5:6? List out everything you see. What do
 you think it means that the Lion is a Lamb? And that he's a lamb "looking as if it had been
 slain?"
- Reflect on this for a few moments: How does the idea of victory through sacrifice relate to how you view living for/dying with Jesus today?
- Read Philippians 3:8-10 (focusing on verse 10). How do Paul's words relate? What application does this have for your life?
- What are the different things the Lamb is worthy to receive in Revelation 5:12-13? In what ways are you taking worship from Jesus by seeking one (or many) of "power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise" in your own life?
- Consider for a moment that you've been "purchased" by God (Revelation 5:9). How does it make you feel that God loves you so much that he would pay a great price to have you? How might this fact propel or fuel your worship?

Come back together as a large group and then split into triads for prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).

Like last week, as you wrap up, split your group into mixed triads. In each triad, have people share their prayer requests. Once each person is finished sharing, each person should then pray for the person on their right until every person in the triad group is prayed for.

Finish with logistics (5 minutes)

Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through our Revelation series! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.