

Group Discussion Guide

Lion & The Lamb Wk 2

1- On Sunday, we continued our mini series on John's vision in Revelation chapters 4-5. What part of the message impacted you the most?

2- The visions that John saw in the book of Revelation are packed with symbolism. He used a variety of numbers, people, animals, angels, heavenly beings, beasts, colors & items to represent Heaven's perspective of life on earth. Our culture uses symbolism, too. We have nicknames/abbreviations for our favorite teams, places & events. And most companies have a logo that helps people recognize their brand. Our songs, poetry, movies and shows are also packed with symbolism. Where are some places that you've witnessed symbolism this week?

3- Let's review the context of Revelation 5. Where did this take place? Who was there? Who do you think the 24 elders represent? Who/what might the 4 living creatures represent? What are some ways that these characters could have encouraged John & the 1st century Christians.

4- Read Revelation 5:1. Who is the 'one seated on the throne'? What do you think the scroll with 7 seals represents?

5- Read Revelation 5:2-3. How do you picture this scene playing in your mind? What are these verses emphasizing?

6- Remember that the scroll with 7 seals represents God's sovereignty over history. They include specific ways that God has, is & will move through history. Read Revelation 5:4. Why was John weeping here? How do you relate with John?

7- Read Revelation 5:5. What nicknames did the elder call Jesus? Which nickname connects with you the most?

8- Read Revelation 5:5 (again), Genesis 49:9-10 & Revelation 22:16. How do these verses relate with one another?

9- Read Revelation 5:6-7. These verses are packed with symbolism, as John is trying to describe Jesus. Why would John describe Jesus as the 'slaughtered Lamb'? Can you think of other passages of Scripture that John could be alluding to with the 'Lamb'? What does the #7 represent? What did the horns & eyes represent?

10- What area of life can move you to tears these days?

11- Let's take the advice of the loving elder who encouraged John in his vision. Read Revelation 5:5. What (2) commands do you hear in this verse? What does obedience to these commands look like in your life?

12- Spend time lifting up one another in prayer. Ask Christ to wipe away your tears and strengthen each of you with His presence.