

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · HIGH SCHOOL

Behold the Lamb of God

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 05 · October 11, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: John's testimony tells us WHO Jesus is and WHY He came: the Lamb who takes away sin, the One the Spirit rests on, and the Son who shares the Father's nature. Only the Son of God could be the Lamb for the whole world, and His one sacrifice is enough.

Read together: John 1:29–34 · Genesis 3:15, 21 · Exodus 12:13 · Ezekiel 36:26–27 · Hebrews 10:11–12.
Memory verse: John 1:29.

Time: 25–30 minutes. Let them wrestle with question 9. The goal is honesty about what they're really trusting, not a right answer.

WARM UP

1. **Pastor said the families in Egypt weren't safe because they were good, but because of the blood on the door. Where do people our age look for that kind of "safe" (being accepted, enough, okay)?**

Grades, looks, followers, performance, relationships. Don't rush past it.

THE LAMB OF GOD

2. **Sin brought death: physical, spiritual, and eternal. In Genesis 3:21 God clothed Adam and Eve with animal skins. What had to happen for them to be covered?**
Something innocent died so the guilty could be covered. That picture runs from the Garden to the cross.
3. **Walk through Passover: a lamb without blemish, killed, its blood on the doorposts, the family staying inside. Which detail stands out to you as a picture of Jesus? Why?**
4. **David Guzik points out that rescue didn't come by prayer, fasting, or good works, but by a life given for others. Why is that hard for people to accept, even religious people?**
5. **"Takes away" (Greek: *airō*) means to lift up and carry off. What is the difference between sin being covered and sin being removed? Which one do you live like is true?**

THE SPIRIT AND THE SON

6. **John says he didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah until God gave him a sign. What does that say about how anyone comes to see who Jesus really is?**
Recognizing Jesus starts with God revealing Him, not with our own insight.
7. **The Spirit came on Old Testament prophets, judges, and kings and then left. On Jesus, the Spirit remained. Jesus then baptizes His people with the Spirit. What is the difference between an outward sign and an inward reality?**
8. **"Son of" means "shares the nature of." The religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus for calling God His Father, because they knew it meant equality with God (John 5:18). Why does it matter that the Lamb is fully God and not just a very good man?**

A good man could at most die for one other person. Only the infinite Son could carry the sin of the world.

Leader note: some early manuscripts read “the Chosen One of God” in verse 34 (the ESV footnotes it). Either reading echoes Isaiah 42:1, where God puts His Spirit on His Chosen One. If a student asks, it’s a good chance to show how carefully the text has been preserved.

SO WHAT

9. Hebrews 10 says the priests offered the same sacrifices over and over, but Christ offered one sacrifice for all time and sat down. Where are you still trying to add to what Jesus finished?

Name it honestly. Performance, guilt, trying harder. That is where the prayer starts.

THIS WEEK

Read John 1:29 every morning and pray: “Jesus, I’m not trusting in what I’ve done. I’m trusting in what You’ve already done for me.” Memorize John 1:29.

Next week: Week 6 · Come and See the King · John 1:35–51 · October 18, 2026