

## ADULT SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# Behold the Lamb of God

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## LEADER OVERVIEW

**Big idea:** Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We aren't rescued by being good enough, but by a life given on our behalf. Because Jesus is the Son of God, His one sacrifice is enough, and there is nothing left for us to add.

**Sermon outline:** The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (v.29) · The One upon whom the Spirit of God descended (vv.32–33) · The Son of God who shares the nature of God the Father (v.34).

**Scriptures used:** John 1:29–34 · Genesis 3:15, 21 · Exodus 12:13 · Matthew 1:21 · Luke 3:22 · Isaiah 11:2 · Ezekiel 36:26–27 · Hebrews 10:11–12

**Time:** 60–75 minutes. Eleven questions are more than you need — choose what fits your group and skip freely. Questions in bold are the ones not to skip.

## OPENING (10 MIN)

The goal of the opener is to get every voice in the room once before the harder questions arrive. Keep it light.

1. When you were a kid, did anyone ever take the blame or pay for something you did? What happened?
2. **Pastor said, “God didn’t say, ‘When I see how good you’ve been, I’ll pass over you.’ He said, ‘When I see the blood.’” What was your first reaction to that line?**

## THE LAMB OF GOD (20 MIN)

Read John 1:29, Genesis 3:21, and Exodus 12:13.

3. Sin brought death: physical, spiritual, and eternal. In the Garden, God promised a Rescuer (Genesis 3:15) and clothed Adam and Eve with skins. What does it tell you about God that the first sacrifice was His idea?  
Leader: the text doesn't say what animal it was, so don't press for a lamb. The point is that an innocent died so the guilty could be covered.
4. **Walk through Passover together: a lamb without blemish, killed, the blood on the doorposts, the family staying inside and trusting. How does each step point to Jesus?**
5. David Guzik says rescue didn't come by a prayer, fasting, or good works, but by a life given on behalf of others. Why do even long-time Christians drift back toward trusting their own effort?
6. **“Takes away” means to lift up and carry off. Jesus doesn’t only cover sin; He removes it. Is there a sin you still carry as though it’s yours to keep?**  
Leader: be gentle. Someone in the room may be carrying something they've never said out loud. Leave room for silence.

**THE SPIRIT AND THE SON (20 MIN)**

Read John 1:32–34, Luke 3:22, and Ezekiel 36:26–27.

7. John admits, “I myself did not know him,” until God gave him a sign. What does that say about how people come to recognize Jesus, including the people you’re praying for?
8. In the Old Testament the Spirit came on prophets, judges, and kings and then left. On Jesus, the Spirit remained, and Jesus gives His Spirit to those who trust Him. Pastor said, “The Lamb takes away your sin. The Spirit gives you new life.” Where have you seen that new life in yourself or someone else?
9. **“Son of” means “shares the nature of.” Why does it matter that the Lamb is fully God and not a lesser being?**  
Leader: the religious leaders understood the claim and wanted to kill Him for it (John 5:18). If someone raises the “Chosen One” reading in verse 34, it’s a footnoted variant in the ESV; either way it echoes Isaiah 42:1, where God puts His Spirit on His Chosen One.
10. Hebrews 10:11–12 contrasts priests who stand offering the same sacrifices daily with Christ, who offered one sacrifice and sat down. What does it look like to live like the work is finished?
11. **Pastor said, “Stop trying to earn what Jesus has already finished.” Where in your life are you still trying to add to what Jesus did?**

**CLOSING (5 MIN)**

Read John 1:29 together. Your goodness doesn’t have to be enough. His sacrifice already is.

If anyone in your group hasn’t trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of sin, make room for that conversation, during the group or right after. Then pray together, thanking God that once is enough.

Then give the week’s assignment: 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.”

Memory verse: John 1:29. Next week: Week 6 · Come and See the King · John 1:35–51 · October 18, 2026