

Small Group Leader's Guide

Revelation 5 | Worthy Is the Lamb

Revelation 5; Philippians 2:5–11

Main idea: Jesus is worthy of our worship and our lives because of who He is and all He has done, is doing, and will do.



Know It

Opening

Read Revelation 5 aloud.

Picture this scene: John sees a sealed scroll, hears that no one is worthy to open it, and then sees Jesus.

Leader tip: Some Roman wills were secured with the seals of seven witnesses. That may help the group picture a document whose contents remain closed until it is opened, but Revelation does not identify this scroll as a Roman will. Keep the emphasis on the question the passage asks: *Who is worthy to open it?* ([Gaius, Institutes 2.119](#))

1. Jesus is worthy because of who He is — Revelation 5:1–7

1. Why does John weep when no one can open the scroll? What makes Jesus uniquely worthy to take it?
2. John hears about the Lion of Judah, but sees a Lamb who was slain. What do those two pictures together tell us about Jesus?
3. Where are you tempted to look for hope or control when life feels uncertain? How does seeing Jesus take the scroll speak to that situation?

Leader tips:

- “Root of David” (verse 5) identifies Jesus as the promised king from David’s line. He is the one who fulfills God’s promises to David. If the group focuses only on the scroll, bring them back to the identity of the One who takes it.
- “Lamb” (verse 6) points to Jesus’ sacrificial death. John hears of a conquering Lion, then sees a slain Lamb standing. Give the group time to notice both images: Jesus’ victory and His sacrifice belong together.

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2. Jesus is worthy because of all He has done, is doing, and will do — Revelation 5:8–14

1. According to verses 9–10, what has Jesus done through His death? How does knowing He has purchased people “from every tribe and language and people and nation” shape our worship and our mission?
2. Verse 8 pictures the prayers of God’s people before the Lamb. How does that encourage you to pray and follow Jesus today?
3. The praise grows until every creature joins in. What does this scene show about Jesus’ future, and what would it look like to give Him the worship and obedience He deserves this week?

Leader tip: Help the group follow the movement of the passage: Jesus has purchased people by His blood (verses 9–10); the prayers of God’s people are before Him (verse 8); and the vision looks ahead to universal praise (verse 13). For the last question, invite one specific act of obedience instead of a general answer such as “I should worship more.”



Live It

Closing: The worthy Lamb and our response

Read Philippians 2:5–11.

Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death, and God highly exalted Him.

Closing question: What is one part of your life where you need to respond to Jesus’ worthiness with humble obedience this week?



Prayer

Thank Jesus for who He is, what He has done, His care for His people now, and the day every knee will bow before Him.