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Set the Tone:

Seeking God, Not Just Answers

As you spend time with God each morning, please don't let the questions become a distraction. The goal of your time with Him isn't just to answer my questions but to know Him more and grow deeper in your relationship with Him. The questions are simply there to help you reflect on God's Word and think about how He reveals Himself to us.

I am praying that you would grasp "the breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love this week.

- Grant

The Worthy One

Monday

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 5:1-5

"Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Sometimes we read past words without really thinking about them. Take a moment to consider what it means to be "worthy".

Hint - The "scroll" represents Jesus' complete and perfect plan.

REFLECTION:

Why did John weep loudly when no one was found worthy to open it? (Rev. 5:3-4)

What does it mean that **Jesus is worthy** to open the scroll? (Revelation 5:5-6)

Are there areas in your life where you act like you are in control instead of **trusting Jesus as the worthy one?**

How does knowing Jesus is the **only one who can fulfill God's plan** change how you see Him?

If someone was watching your life from the outside, would they say you live like Jesus is the center of your life?

CHALLENGE:

Spend **five minutes in prayer** today, thanking Jesus that He alone is worthy and surrendering your plans to Him.

The Lion and the Lamb

Tuesday

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 5:6-10

"And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

REFLECTION:

How can Jesus be both the **Lion of Judah** (powerful ruler) and the **Lamb who was slain** (sacrificial Savior)? (Revelation 5:5-6)

What does it mean that Jesus **paid the price for your redemption?** (Revelation 5:9-10) This might be uncomfortable, but take a moment to think about what sins or habits Jesus has specifically saved you from.

Why is it important that Jesus is both **strong enough to rule and humble enough to sacrifice Himself?**

Are you more comfortable seeing Jesus as powerful or as sacrificial? Why?

What would change in your daily life if you fully trusted in **Jesus' strength and His sacrifice?**

CHALLENGE:

Write down **one way Jesus has shown His power** and **one way He has shown His love** in your life this week.

Wednesday Devo

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 5:11-14

"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!'

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!'

And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshiped."

REFLECTION:

How do the **angels and creatures in heaven** respond to Jesus? (Revelation 5:11-12)

Why does all of creation worship Jesus? (Revelation 5:13-14)

What would it look like if **your life** reflected the same kind of worship?

Is worship something you only do at church, or is it part of your everyday life?

What is keeping you from worshiping Jesus fully?

CHALLENGE:

Take one step today to live a life of worship—whether through music, prayer, serving someone, or simply acknowledging Jesus as worthy.

Wednesday Small Group Discussion

MAIN IDEA: Jesus alone is worthy to fulfill God's plan. Revelation 5 shows us that He is not just the promise-maker but the promise-keeper, holding the future in His hands and securing our hope through His victory.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

Have you ever forgotten something important, like a test, an event, or a promise? What happened? (Revelation 5:1-5)

READ REVELATION 5 NLT (5 MINUTES)

"Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: 'Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.

Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, 'Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song with these words: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth.'

Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.'

And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.'

And the four living beings said, 'Amen!' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb."

Wednesday Con't

Leader Note: The Key Takeaways are meant to spark discussion, not to be read as a lesson. Use them as a guide to encourage conversation and help students process and apply the message for themselves if needed.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS (10 MINUTES)

1 BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP THEM

- The scroll in God's hand represents His promises, and Jesus holds every one of them securely—He never forgets or fails to keep them.
- If we don't know God's promises, we risk building our lives on a faulty foundation instead of the unshakable truth of His Word.
- Question: What's one promise of God that you need to trust in right now?

2 BECAUSE HE FIGHTS TO KEEP THEM

- The question in heaven was, "Who is worthy?"—and no one could answer until Jesus, the Lion and the Lamb, stepped forward to open the scroll.
- Jesus didn't just make promises; He fought for them through His sacrifice, proving He alone is worthy to fulfill God's plan. ((Revelation 5:9-10)
- Question: Are there areas in your life where you're trying to take control instead of trusting Jesus to fight for you?

3 WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIM KEEPING THEM

- Jesus holds the future—He will complete the Great Commission, defeat evil, restore creation, and establish His eternal kingdom. (Matthew 24:14, Revelation 19:11-16, Revelation 21:1-4)
- If we don't focus on God's promises, we won't be excited about them; our hope grows when we look forward to what He has in store.
- Question: How would your daily life change if you lived with an expectation that Jesus is actively fulfilling His promises? (Revelation 5:12-13)

GROUP CHALLENGE: HOLD ONTO THE PROMISE

Follow up: Last week, we challenged you to choose one intentional way to worship God outside of church—whether through prayer, worship music, or spending time in Scripture. How did it go? What did you learn from making worship a daily habit?

This week, choose one promise of God **from Scripture** to hold onto and remind yourself of daily. Write it down, set it as your phone background, or place it somewhere visible. Throughout the week, **reflect on how this promise impacts your life.** (See Thursday's Examples of God's Promises for ideas!)

Wednesday Con't Small Group Discussion

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What part of Sunday's message **stood out** the most to you?

Have you ever struggled to trust God's promises? Why? (Revelation 5:3-4)

Why do you think only **Jesus is worthy** to open the scroll? (Revelation 5:5-6)

What does it look like to **live like Jesus is your only source of hope?** (Revelation 5:12-13)

Why do so many people settle for a **surface-level relationship** with Jesus? (Revelation 5:4-5)

What would change in your life if you lived with a **real expectation of Jesus' return?** (Revelation 5:7-10)

Share one way you can refocus on **worshiping Jesus fully this week.** (Revelation 5:12-13)

PRAYER:

Pray that your group would **see Jesus as worthy** of everything. (Revelation 5:12)

Ask God to help each person walk in closeness with Him daily. (Revelation 5:14)

Pray that your group would live **expectantly, looking forward to God's promises.** (Revelation 5:7-10)

The Promises of God

Thursday

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ."

WEXAMPLES OF GOD'S PROMISES:

God has made countless promises throughout Scripture, and Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of every one. His life, death, and resurrection prove that God doesn't just make promises—He keeps them. When we trust in His Word, we build our lives on an unshakable foundation.

Here are some powerful promises you can hold onto this week:

- 🚺 God Has a Plan for Your Life Jeremiah 29:11
- God Will Never Leave You Deuteronomy 31:6
- 3 God Gives You Strength in Weakness Isaiah 40:29-31
- 4 God Will Forgive You 1 John 1:9
- 5 God Will Give You Peace Philippians 4:6-7
- 6 God Will Give You Wisdom When You Ask James 1:5
- God is Preparing a Place for You John 14:2-3

REFLECTION:

Take a few minutes to **reflect on these promises** and how they apply to your life.

How does Jesus **fulfill all of God's promises?** (Revelation 5:9-10, Matthew 24:14)

Why is it important that God doesn't just make promises, but **He keeps them?** (Revelation 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 1:20)

Which promise do you need to hold onto most right now?

CHALLENGE:

Write down **one promise of God** that you need to remind yourself of today.



SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 2:17

"Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people."

REFLECTION:

What does it mean that Jesus is fully human and fully God?

How does Jesus' **humanity** help us trust Him more?

INTERPRETIVE NOTES:

Jesus had to be **one of us** to redeem us—just like a kinsman-redeemer in the Old Testament had to be **a family member** to pay the price.

PRAYER:

Thank Jesus today for stepping into your world so that He could bring you into His.

▲ "Jesus, You are the only one who is worthy. No one else could fulfill God's promises or carry out His plan, but You did. You are the **Lion of Judah**, strong and victorious, and the **Lamb who was slain**, who gave everything to save us. Thank You for stepping into my world—becoming fully human, fighting for me, and making a way for me to be with You forever. You don't just make promises; You keep them. Every promise of God is secure because You hold it in Your hands.

Today, I choose to trust You. When life feels uncertain, remind me that You are in control. When I feel weak, remind me that You are my strength. When I start to doubt, remind me that You already won. Thank You for stepping into my world so that I could step into Yours. You are worthy. You are enough. And I will put my hope in You. Amen."

The Future Kingdom of Jesus

Saturday

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 21:1-4

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

REFLECTION:

What does this passage promise about Jesus' eternal kingdom?

How does looking forward to eternity change how you live today?

INTERPRETIVE NOTES:

Jesus' ultimate promise is not just for today but for a future kingdom where everything will be made new.

CHALLENGE:

Spend a few minutes in worship, thanking Jesus for the hope of eternity.

STAY CONNECTED:

If you have any questions about Revelation 5 shoot me a DM. Would love to help however I can. I'm sure whatever question you have our whole community is wondering the same thing.

Watch the sermon on YouTube, Spotify or apple podcast if you missed it. Turn on your notifications so you stay locked in with us.

NEXT WEEK: We'll dive into Revelation 6 and it is going to get exciting.