

# COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

## Revelation 5:1-14

### Worship of the Lamb

"I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; <sup>5</sup>and one of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.' <sup>6</sup>And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. <sup>10</sup>You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.' <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.' <sup>13</sup>And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.' <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures kept saying, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshiped." (NASB)

### OPEN:

1. What was the best choir or musical group you have ever heard or participated in? What was memorable about the group?
2. Around the house, are you more like a lion or a lamb? Why?

### DIG:

1. What do you think makes the scroll so significant? What dilemma does the sealed scroll pose?
2. Why is Christ the only one worthy enough to open it (vv. 4-9; see Jn 1:29)? What titles are used to describe him? What does it mean that he is both a Lion and a Lamb? Where does he appear? What is the significance of this?
3. What is the response when he takes the scroll? Analyze the three songs: How is the Lamb described? Who comprises the first musical group? The second? The third? Who are the true kings and priests on earth? What elements of praise do you sense here?

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## **REFLECT:**

1. Have different members of your small group try to capture this scene of praise and adoration via a poem, a sketch, a piece of music, or a prayer. To do this, put yourself into the scene, seeing and feeling what John saw and felt. Collect these praise items from your group for a united concert of prayer and praise.
2. What would the visions in chapters 4 and 5 have meant to the persecuted Christians of Asia? What does this vision say to us in the twenty-first century as we view our out-of-control world? Based on this, what actions will you take this week?

## **5 MARKS FOCUS: SHARE YOUR STORY**

If you've been hesitant to share your story with someone, challenge yourself to do so. In our trying times, that person desperately needs the hope of Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share with that person and for God to give you the words when the opportunity arises.