



Life Group Lesson

Lesson #4

The Word of God, the Bible, is how God has spoken to His children in every generation. It never becomes outdated, always relevant, to ground us in our ability to live in the fullness of God. Today we look at a passage from Revelation that helps us to understand the glorious risen Jesus and give us hope and vision for where HIStory ends.

On Sunday, Pastor John introduced a way to incorporate the Word into our daily encounter with God called "Praise to Prayer." The key to this process is to allow Holy Spirit to show us what to praise God for in a passage of the Bible, and then to use the truths we praised God for to pray for a particular area of need that you/your family, a friend or people in the world have.

Looking Back

FAMILY TIME (20 min)

- Vision Statement: Have a group member explain the vision of your lifegroup. Invite another group member to share your vision piece next time.
- Intro Question: *What Bible verse(s) or story has been significant in your life?*
- Prayer Requests, Praise Reports and Updates from previous week(s).

Look Up

WORSHIP (30 min)

- During this season, we want to spend more time engaging in God's presence. If you have somebody who can lead, we encourage you to invite them in to lead. If you'd like to use Youtube, here are a few longer sets (choose 1 or 2) that have more space for spontaneous worship that will give you space to engage with God's heart.
- We encourage you to review and use the 7 Hebrew Words of Praise ([found here](#)) as you worship.
 - Getting Ready - Maverick City Music x UPPERROOM (18 min) - <https://youtu.be/rcqLmE1vguY>



- This particular set is rooted in many passages of Revelation. It celebrates Jesus at the end of HIStory and what will come to pass.
- 6/13 Epicentre Worship | "Here For You" "Yes and Mane" "King of My Heart" (26 min) - https://youtu.be/GleBAC2_mAw
 - Worship with Pastor Simeon, Kezia, Matt and Derek again from the Marshall gym!
- Is He Worthy (12 min) - <https://youtu.be/Ejl8mBzcPeM>
 - Another set rooted in Revelation.

**Encourage your group members to engage God's heart for one another during worship and share any affirmations or words of encouragement they receive with each other as Holy Spirit leads. One strategic way to do this on Zoom is through the private message function while worship is ongoing.

"Praise to Prayer" Through the Word - Revelation 7:9-17 (NIV)

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"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
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13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

14 I answered, "Sir, you know."



And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15** Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

16

'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'^[a]
nor any scorching heat.

17

For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Praise to Prayer Process:

- *Before reading the passage, each person asks the Lord to reveal a situation in their lives where they need breakthrough. Record this on paper or on their phones.*
- *Read the passage and instead of sharing with one another, use your prayers to praise God outloud for His qualities revealed in the passage. You can break this into 2 sections if you'd like (verses 9-12 and verses 13-17)*
- *Now use the qualities of God that were just prayed out to pray into your situation. You may consider breaking the group into smaller groups to do this portion.*

Looking Forward

Close your time by reflecting and sharing on how the "Praise to Prayer" experience was for people. Was there a word that Holy Spirit spoke through the Word in the process? Encourage people to repeat this exercise another time during the coming week, to allow God to deepen His Word into their lives. Break into smaller groups to share more deeply and to pray for one another to continue encountering God by allowing Holy Spirit to bring His Word to inform the things on our hearts and lead us into joy and freedom.



Kids Lesson

This week we will read from Revelation 7 and reflect and focus on what it looks like to praise God! Grab a writing utensil and some paper or a notebook to write/draw with!

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Activity

1. Read over the passage - what do you notice about the praises and worship that the angels and saints and the author say that stick out to you? Write/draw any of those on your paper.
2. What does this passage say about God to you? Are there any characteristics of who He is? Things you notice differently about God? Write/draw it on your paper.
3. Now, as you look over the passage, look at the characteristics about God you wrote from step 2. Think about those words that are said. How can you praise God in your own words?
4. Imagine yourself in the passage, as part of the group worshipping and praising God. Are there any words you want to add to the praise? Write/draw them on your paper.
5. Say out loud your praise prayer to God! He loves to hear you worship Him! As we praise God, we get to learn more about Him and who He is to us - and we can pray and ask God for help in all the other parts of our lives.