

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Communion

These questions are for the **January 10, 2021** sermon, "He is Worthy." Please read the sermon passage (Revelation 5:1-14) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE REFLECT UPON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, NOTE . . .

1. The ultimate question being asked. (1-5)
 - a. Who is worthy to open the scroll which contains the eternal will of God?
 - i. Those who are unworthy cannot open it (they would be put to death).
 - ii. If the scroll remains unopened then our eternal inheritance remains waiting.
 - b. Note that Rome (or Washington) has no bearing on this scroll. Heaven rules.
 - c. How is this worthy Scroll-opener identified?
 - i. Lion of Judah (Genesis 49:9-10). The One promised from the beginning.
 - ii. Root of David (Isaiah 11). The One who will reign on David's throne.
2. The sealed scroll which is taken. (6-7)
 - a. Jesus accomplished everything that God set out for him to accomplish (all Jesus).
 - b. Jesus is the one prophesied, the Servant and the Risen One (only Jesus). He is worthy.
 - i. NOTE: While world leaders believe they reign, it is Jesus who reigns.
 - ii. NOTE: We should base our thoughts, feelings and lives on this truth.
 - c. The Lamb stands while the elders fall in worship. Let us fall before the worthy One!
3. The corporate worship which is offered. (12-15)
 - a. This worthy one must be blessed and worshipped and praised forever!
 - b. When everything seems hopeless, let the one worthy to open the scroll give you hope.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We spoke about circles of political and actual influence/power. Do your fears rise and fall when Washington has a "good" or "bad" "king"? Why? Is this appropriate? How are you encouraged when you realize that this worship service in heaven was taking place while an evil king (Domitian) was putting Christians to death on earth. Can you worship God whole-heartedly even while there are evil kings in power on the earth?
2. Based on #1, above: Let's also put it like this: while "Rome" was convinced that they had all the power, the moment which changed everything forever was being witnessed from Patmos—a marginal island for exiles and prisoners. Is your home like that for your spouse, children and friends? Where, no matter what, your focus is on heaven? And you rarely have angst because of "Washington"? Do your family and friends see heartfelt worship? Or deep-seated worry?
3. Based on #2, above: Jesus is the Worthy One, and he steps forward to take the scroll. There is one who guarantees our place with God—our inheritance—forever. He is the "arnion" or "victorious Lamb." It may be most appropriate to offer praise and worship to God—to sing right now. Note the emphasis placed upon loud (2, 4, 12) new songs (9) by myriads of singers.
4. While he stands and takes possession of the scroll (gulp!!), the elders (and you and me) fall down in utter, broken, passionate, joyous worship. Forever. Discuss.