

Key Scriptures: Revelation 5:1-14

"Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped."

Background

This passage is all about Jesus being the only one who is worthy to carry out the plans of the Father in all its fullness.

Lion of the tribe of Judah, Root of David, Lamb, are refer to Jesus.

Find a conversation starter.

- In what ways has God's word in Revelation 4 encouraged you?
- In what ways has it challenged you or created more questions for you?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- How would you describe and contrast the mighty Lion and the gentle Lamb? How is Jesus uniquely worthy to open this scroll and accomplish God's purpose?
- What do God's power, authority, eminence, and absolute holiness mean to you? How can these characters of God help focus your church to be more centered upon Christ and less centered upon trends and traditions?

Choose a question to create openness.

- How is Christ worthy and in charge? How is He in charge of you? What can you do to increase your trust and feel more secure in Christ? Consider what He has done for you!

Pray Boldly

Only Jesus is fully able to carry out your plans God. He has authority over everything and is in perfect union with you Father. Let my worship honor you.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the [The Power of Christ: Declaring His Authority Over Your Life | Devotional Reading Plan | YouVersion Bible](#)
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.