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Revelation 5:6-15

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[6] 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. [7] And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. [8] 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. [9] 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, [10] and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

[11] 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, [12] 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!”

[13] 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!”

[14] And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Seven-Sealed Scroll (1)
2. The Search For One Worthy of the Scroll (2-4)
3. The One Found Worthy of the Scroll (5-7)
4. The Worship of the One Found Worthy (8-14)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- Pastor Scott reminded us that in this second vision (chs. 4-5), the throne of God is at the center of heaven. He admonished college students to find a church where God is at the center. Whether you are in college or not, how can you tell if God is at the center of a church? What should you notice in the liturgy/service? In the people? Does the architecture/furniture matter?
- Jesus was worthy *because he was slaughtered*. This is not how the world defines worth. How does the world define worth? Where do you see this reinforced in our society? Is this how you find worth?
- If we were writing the story, we would triumph by defeating the *enemy*, not the *hero* of the story. But in the Bible, God conquers by the death of Christ. Why is this? What would the story have looked like if God had defeated his enemy only through power? Would salvation have been possible?
- Have you ever considered that the incarnation of Christ was an eternal decision - that the Son of God will always have a human body? Have you ever considered that Jesus' scars will be evident throughout history? How does this impact your worship?
- Pastor Scott said that Satan has *already* been defeated. Read Colossians 2:13-15 and notice the past tense when it talks about the defeat of Satan. Though Satan still has a significant amount of power in this age, he is on a leash. How does this knowledge impact the way that you live this week?
- Racism is a very real issue in our world right now. But in this vision of heaven, it is finally eradicated. Pastor Scott said that the only real solution to racism is the gospel. Why is this? Why do all other strategies to overcome this problem ultimately fall short?
- Our prayers are in bowls before the presence of God. Does it ever feel that your prayers hit the ceiling or get lost somewhere in space? How does this text encourage you? Does it make you want to pray more? How can you commit to praying more this week?
- Everyone around the throne was *blessing* God - meaning, they were giving *good words*. Perhaps you can end your life group tonight by giving God good words. Spend some time joining the chorus of heaven by blessing the Lord.

