

## Study Guide #11 (Leader's Guide): K-group Bible Study for Week of January 21, 2018

Title of the Lesson: Worship

One of our greatest privileges as Christ followers is the privilege of worship. There is only one being that is worthy to be worshipped – God (one God who is three persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). He and he alone deserves our worship.

- Remind your group that one of the discipleship skills that we want to develop this year is the ability to verbalize scripture to people with whom we will have the opportunity to minister. So we will continue to ask one of you to tell the bible story from memory.
- So, let's give our undivided attention to \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she verbalizes tonight's bible study passage.

### 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> 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."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> 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 the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased men for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### Questions

- Now, let's open our bibles to Revelation 5:1-14. Let's review the scripture and look for details that need to be emphasized and remembered.
- After clarifying what the bible says, ask what resonated with you the most and why?"
- Context Analysis: While exiled on the Island of Patmos as a political prisoner of Rome due to his faith, the elderly apostle John receives a vision given to him by Jesus himself. He is then told to write the vision down on a scroll and is supposed to send the scroll to seven churches in Asia Minor (churches located in modern day western Turkey). After writing down seven specific letters (1 for each church provided in Revelation chapters 2 & 3), John is then taken to the throne room of heaven where he sees what he describes in today's text.
- Along with chapter five, take a moment to survey chapter 4 too. Based on these two chapters (4 & 5), how would you describe heaven?
- Based on these chapters, it appears that one of the more important activities of heaven will be to worship the king who is on the throne (or in the center of the throne). What are the specific reasons given for why God is worthy of our worship (4:11; 5:9).
- At the end of chapter five, what do these angelic creatures and elders do? Why do you think this is their response?
- Take a moment to reflect upon your favorite moments of worship. These moments may have happened in church, or at camp, or on a mission trip, or in personal devotional time with the Lord. Share about your experience with the rest of your K-group telling them why it connected so powerfully with you.

- How can we at FC create a culture of passionate worship being offered by passionate worshipers?
- What do we learn about God from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves (mankind) from this passage?
- What actions do you plan to take as a result of this study and discussion?

Close with prayer. Pray specifically that the group can follow through with what God has put on their hearts to do.