

# Magnifying Christ's Love for All People Without Distinction

### (The Biblical Basis for Missions)

### **REVELATION 5:1-10**

### **STUDY GUIDE**

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### WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

#### Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to share with others who they consider to be heroes and why they consider them heroes.

### WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

#### Suggested songs:

Is He Worthy

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### WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

#### LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will worship and glorify Jesus Christ.
- 2. GG members will share the good news of salvation with others.

#### INTRODUCTION

In Revelation chapter 5, we see Jesus Christ being worshiped in God's heavenly throne room. He alone is worthy of worship because of his self-sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. Through his death and resurrection, he redeemed people from all nations to be God's kingdom of priests who will reign with Jesus Christ on earth.

#### Jesus is worthy to take the scroll and open its seals (v. 9a)

In John's vision, God had a scroll in his right hand. Nobody in heaven, on earth, or under the earth was worthy to take the scroll and open it. Only Jesus Christ is worthy to take the scroll and open its seal.

- Scholars differ in their interpretations of the scroll. Some say that this is the title deed of the earth, while others say that it contains God's judgments against sin, similar to the one in Ezekiel's vision in Ezekiel 2:9-10. Regardless of its interpretation, who alone has the authority to take the scroll. (cf. Matthew 28:18-20)
- 2. Jesus Christ is not just worthy to take the scroll and open it. What else is he worthy of according to Revelation 5:11-14?
- 3. What does this reveal about Jesus Christ?

#### Application

How do you worship Jesus Christ in your everyday life?

#### Jesus is worthy because of his sacrifice on the cross (vv. 9b-10)

Jesus alone is worthy because he gave up his life on the cross to redeem people from all nations to become God's kingdom of priests. They will reign with Jesus Christ over God's eternal kingdom.

- What is the significance of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross? How is this connected to his being worthy of taking the scroll? (cf. Revelation 3:21; 5:5; Hebrews 12:2)
- 2. How do you understand Christ's ransoming of people from all nations for God? (cf. Mark 10:45)
- 3. What is the new identity of these people in Christ? (cf. 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 1:5-6)
- 4. According to our passage, what can these people look forward to in the future? (cf. Revelation 20:4-6)

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### WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

#### Application

God's Word contains the wonderful message of salvation: how God brought back sinful humanity to an intimate relationship and fellowship with himself through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What is preventing you from sharing this good news with others?

#### PRAYER ITEM

God, thank you for making salvation from sin and death possible for me. This came at a great cost to you, and I know that by myself, I can never hope to gain salvation. Truly, you alone deserve all glory, worship, and praise. Thank you for sacrificing your son, Jesus Christ, on my behalf. Thank you for the gift of forgiveness and righteousness. I gratefully receive this gift. Grant me the boldness to share this good news with others. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.



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