



INTRO

Letters, scrolls and codices!

BIBLE READING

Revelation 5: 1-14

1. A SERIOUSLY SEALED SCROLL

Isaiah 29:11-12

Seals...

Ezekiel 2:9 – 3:9; Daniel 12:1-13.

What is this scroll?

Who can open the scroll?

2. A SERIOUSLY STUPENDOUS SCENE

A picture of the Trinity

A 1.5billion pixel photo from NASA

3. A SERIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICE

The Lion is a Lamb

The Seriousness of Sin



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

In a family, small group or community

These notes are to help you as a family, community or small group unpack the Sunday teaching. It's a bit unrealistic for a small group to do everything - **so feel free to be selective!**

OPENER

This is one for any aficionados of the C S Lewis Narnia stories in your group:- recall and enjoy some favourite or memorable scenes featuring Aslan, the Lion King of Narnia.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Who is worthy?

Just who might possibly have been expected to be worthy to open the seals of the scroll? Why do you think none of the possible candidates would be acceptable?

Why is Jesus worthy?

Take another look at Revelation 5 and any other relevant passages from the Bible and discuss what it is that makes Jesus worthy to read this scroll. Hebrews 2:1 – 3:6 would be worth looking at. As you read it make a note of each reference to Jesus and what we learn about Him from these words.

PRAYER, WORSHIP AND ACTION

Focus on the Lamb of God: Read Isaiah 53 slowly. Take it in turns to read a verse and pause for a few seconds after each verse to give time to reflect on it.

Then spend some time in praise and prayer. Use the key phrases that strike you most from this chapter as the heart and inspiration for each prayer.

Sing: Great is the Lord... and other songs in similar vein.

Revelation 5:9-14

⁹ And they sang a new song with these words:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and **your blood has ransomed people** for God from **every tribe and language** and people and nation. ¹⁰ And you have caused them to become **a Kingdom of priests for our God**. And they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing."

¹³ And then I heard **every creature** in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

"Blessing and honour and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." ¹⁴ And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped the Lamb.

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