

Let the Bible Be Weird Week 3 Discussion Guide

Let Revelation Be Weird

Revelation 5:1-14

Leader Setup

This guide is designed for individuals, families, or groups. The goal is not to answer every question someone has ever had about Revelation. The goal is to read Revelation 5 closely and practice the third question in our Bible reading framework:

What is the main thing that is clear?

Helpful follow-up prompts:

- “Where do you see that in the text?”
- “What is the main thing this vision is showing us?”
- “What does this symbol reveal?”
- “How does this reshape how we see Jesus?”
- “What allegiance is this passage confronting?”

Part 1: Starting with Revelation

1. When you hear the word “Revelation,” what thoughts, feelings, or assumptions come to mind?
2. Why do you think Revelation is so often turned into charts, timelines, predictions, or arguments?
3. This week’s Bible reading question is: **What is the main thing that is clear?** Why is that helpful when reading strange or symbolic passages?

Part 2: The Throne and the Scroll

Read Revelation 5:1-4

4. What does John see in the right hand of the One seated on the throne?

5. What question does the mighty angel ask?
6. Why is “Who is worthy?” different from asking “Who is strong enough?” or “Who is smart enough?”
7. What happens when no one is found worthy to open the scroll?
8. Why do you think John weeps so intensely?
9. Before trying to explain every detail, what is clearly happening in this scene?
10. How does starting with the throne change the way we read the rest of Revelation?

Part 3: The Lion and the Lamb

Read Revelation 5:5-7

11. What titles are used for Jesus in verse 5?
12. What does John hear about the Lion?
13. What does John see when he looks?
14. Why is the shift from Lion to Lamb so important?
15. What does it mean that the Lamb is “standing, as though it had been slain”?
16. How does this image hold together death and victory?
17. How does this vision challenge normal assumptions about power, victory, and kingship?
18. What happens if Christians get excited about the conquering Lion but ignore the slain Lamb?

Part 4: Symbols That Reveal Reality

Read Revelation 5:6-10

19. What symbolic details are used to describe the Lamb in verse 6?
20. Why might a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes be strange if we picture it too literally?
21. What is the main thing that is clear about the Lamb from this image?
22. Why does “symbolic” not mean “less true”?
23. What does the Lamb do in verse 7?
24. What are the golden bowls of incense in verse 8?
25. What does this image reveal about the prayers of God’s people?
26. Why is the Lamb worthy to take the scroll and open its seals?
27. What has the Lamb accomplished by His blood?
28. What does the phrase “every tribe and language and people and nation” show us about the scope of redemption?
29. What does it mean that the Lamb makes His people “a kingdom and priests”?

Part 5: Worship and Allegiance

Read Revelation 5:11-14

30. How does the worship expand in these verses?
31. Who joins the song by the end of the passage?
32. What words are used to describe what the Lamb is worthy to receive?
33. Why is worship more than singing?
34. How is worship connected to allegiance?
35. What are some things in our world that compete for our trust, fear, loyalty, imagination, or obedience?
36. What does it mean to say, "The Lamb is worthy," in a world where many other powers want our allegiance?

Part 6: Bringing It Together

37. What is the main thing that is clear in Revelation 5?
38. How does the clear center of this passage help us handle the confusing details more faithfully?
39. How does Revelation 5 invite you to see power, victory, or success differently?
40. What would it look like this week to follow the Lamb in one specific situation?

Closing Prayer Prompt

Close by praying for God to help you see reality from heaven's perspective.

Pray specifically for:

- the throne of God to re-center your imagination
- the Lamb to redefine your understanding of power and victory
- your worship to become deeper allegiance
- courage to resist anything that competes with Jesus
- faithfulness to follow the Lamb wherever He leads

Possible closing prayer:

Lord Jesus, worthy Lamb of God, open our eyes to see reality truly. Re-center us around Your throne. Teach us to trust Your way of victory. Expose every false allegiance in us, and form us into faithful witnesses who follow the Lamb. Amen.