

# Weekly Study Guide

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## ***The Lion and The Lamb***

Things I'd like to remember about today's message...

## **Daily Readings**

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### **Monday**

Revelation 4:1-11

### **Thursday**

Revelation 7:1-12

### **Tuesday**

Revelation 5:1-14

### **Friday**

Revelation 7:13-17

### **Wednesday**

Revelation 6:1-17

### **Saturday**

Revelation 8:1-5

*Regular habits of private Bible reading strengthen our relationship with God and teach us how to follow Jesus. In addition to the thematic exercise above, you can use this guide each week to lead you through relevant sections of the Bible.*

# Group Discussion Guide

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## CONNECT

Have you ever had a favorite pet? Tell the group about it. Or, what's your favorite animal, and why?

## LEARN AND APPLY

Revelation 4 is a rich and symbolic description of the heavenly throne room of God. Have someone in your group read it out loud. Others may wish to close their eyes and try to imagine the scene.

- Some items in this description seem to stretch language up to, or past, the limits of our imagination; such as a rainbow that is also like an emerald (verse 3). Do you ever have trouble putting your experience of God into words? What does it tell you that John was grasping for words to describe what he saw?
- More important than any of the individual details in this description is the overall effect of the scene. What do you think is the main point or purpose of this glorious description of the majesty of God?
- Last week we learned to think about the different circumstances of Christians who are suffering, complacent, or compromised. How might a vision of God's majesty and power impact us differently in different circumstances?

Revelation 5 reveals to us how we should understand the power of Jesus.

- Read Revelation 5:1-5. What does John hear (verse 5)?
- What does the symbol of a Lion suggest to you?
- Read Revelation 5:6. What does John see?
- What does the symbol of this Lamb suggest to you?
- The Lion is a Lamb and the Lamb is a Lion. Jesus beats sin and death by his cross and resurrection. If you are suffering (like the church in Smyrna we learned about last week), how does this provide comfort and hope to you?
- If you are profiting from, or compromising with, the ways of world (like the churches in Sardis or Ephesus we learned about last week), how does this unsettle or challenge you?

Revelation reveals there's more to the world than meets the eye. It's an open door to a "heaven's eye" view of the world (4:1). What's one thing you learned from Revelation in worship, or in your growth group this week, that you can apply to your attitudes or actions next week?

## PRAY AND APPLY

Jesus, the Lamb of God, enters our vulnerability and suffering to rescue us from it. Share your burdens with each other and with the Lord in prayer.