



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon Series: *Revelation*
Message: *The Seven Seals*

Scripture: Revelation 4-7

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—[LET'S START]—

To start off, find a partner and share with each other what you believe the general worldview is of the purpose or essence of human life. The Westminster Catechism states the purpose of man is "to glorify God and enjoy him forever." How well do some of the worldviews relate to the catechism's statement? How does your personal view correlate with that of the catechism?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. In Revelation 5, our attention is directed to the scroll that is in the right hand of God. In verse 2 the angel asks, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" Why is Jesus worthy to break the seals and open the scroll (see verses 9-10)?
2. Join up with a partner and look over chapters 6 and 7. Together, assemble a listing and short description of the seven seals. Please note the first four seals have often been referred to as the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse". What do each of these horsemen represent? How are they similar, and how are they different? How are they still operating as forces in the world today?
3. Pastor Dale said God does not need our worship. He also indicated that we have a need to worship something greater than ourselves. From that, we often draw a sense of our own glory. While one example he gave was about sports fans, can you name other examples? What sort of strategy could you use to redirect a person's attention to worship God?

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

What a person believes about God is seen in how they worship. Set aside a time in every day this week to focus your worship on God using words of praise, uplifting music, Bible reading, journaling about who God is, singing of God's mercy and grace, and acknowledging who God is.

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Who is worthy? Only Jesus is qualified to take and open the sealed scroll.
- Some scholars believe the first four seals have already been broken and that the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" are already active in the world.
- Some people think that personal happiness is the essence of life.
- The worship of God is the essence of life. It is there that true happiness and joy is found.
- A worshipper of God becomes generous in every way – there is nothing in life that holds greater value than God.

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