

REVELATION 5:1-5

DISCUSSION GUIDE

STEP 1 - PRAY FOR GOD TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING

STEP 2 - READ TEXT

 Read the text: Revelation 5:1-5


STEP 3 - QUESTION AND ANSWER

 The hope of our entire world hangs on Revelation 5:5. Why?

If that scroll is not opened, the promises of the Bible do not come true and hope is utterly defeated.

- No redemption of souls or the cursed world - the human mind and body, animals, plants remain cursed - forever
- No justice against the wicked
- The threats of satan and demons continues - forever
- Seas overwhelmed by disease
- Horrendous crimes against each other and complete lack of respect for human life rages and reigns without penalty
- Utter wickedness once done in hiding will be done in plain sight
- The rich become richer and the poor made even more poor

The opened scroll is doom and judgement. But it is also a scroll of redemption, setting all things right again.

 What are you weeping over today? What tears are you clinging to that you need to allow Jesus to wipe away?

ANSWER: Suffering, the allure of sin, the loss of a loved one, a failing body, depression or anxiety?

There is no right or wrong answer. Encourage honest discussion.

STEP 4 - DISCUSSION

😞 DISCUSS: John spent part of his life with Jesus. He saw with his own eyes who Jesus was and what he was capable of. Yet, even he has misplaced tears when he sees the scroll. Only Jesus Christ is worthy of opening the scroll. What comes to mind here knowing that even the brother of Jesus did not immediately think of Him as being the worthy one?

✅ ANSWER: Allow this to simmer and stir the conversation.

😞 DISCUSS: Is this study of Revelation stirring up a sense of hope that there is an end to all that happens in this current life?

How can we stir people to hope in Revelation instead of fear it?

✅ ANSWER: Allow this to simmer and stir the conversation.

STEP 5 - FINAL ACTIVITY

Final thoughts after discussion:

Our vision of Jesus is too small! He is the Worthy One!

He lived a righteous life, pleasing to God that no one was capable of living. He obeyed God in the way that God deserves to be obeyed. At the cross, Jesus defeated sin, death and hell! The Lord Jesus Christ owns all, is all, and created all. Yet Jesus laid down His life for us! He took the punishment we deserved, and He made available to us, by faith in Him, forgiveness for our sins. But we need Jesus not only for personal salvation.

He is the hope of the world! He is the judge of the wicked and will punish those who have rejected Him. He will also forgive those that repent of their sins and trust in Him.

He will open the scroll, set everything back into right alignment with our Creator GOD, right wrongs and wipe away tears.

And He is getting ready to act!