

One Story Week 9: Revelation

Our study of the One Story of scripture is finally coming to an end. Today we will be looking at the future: how God will finish the work of redemption. It has been said that the gospel can be summarized as Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration. We are currently living in the age of redemption but there will come a day when this world will fully be restored.

Objective: To see the final result of the finished work of Christ, why he is worthy of worship and how that work will restore the world.

The set up: (*read to group*) Revelation is the final book of the bible. It is written by John (one of Jesus' best friends) and is a series of visions God gave him about the future and end times. We will be looking at 2 of those visions to see what they show us about how God finishes His story.

Read Revelation 5:1-14

- **What is the dilemma in vs. 1-5?** *There is nobody worthy to open the scroll*
- **What do you think the scroll could represent?** *There are different thoughts on this. Some say it represents the counsels of God, or could be a deed to inherit the earth. Regardless, it is a symbol of authority and power.*
- **Who is worthy to open the scroll?** *The Lion of Judah, Jesus*
- **What are different descriptions of who Jesus is or what he has done in this passage (all of 1-14)?** *Lion of Judah, root of David, a slain Lamb with 7 horns and 7 eyes, worthy to open the scroll, conquered, was slain and his blood ransomed people for God.*
- **How do the creatures respond to Jesus? Why is this appropriate?** *They fall down before Him, they sing his praise, thousands and thousands sing he is worthy. He is worthy of praise. He is the God of the universe who ransomed us. He is deserving of praise.*
- **What does it mean to ransom someone? What is significant about the phrase "people from every tribe, tongue and nation"?** *Ransom = obtain the release of (a prisoner) by making a payment demanded. That people from all over the world and history will gather again to praise*

him. Not just one type or ethnicity of people.

Revelation 21:1-4

- **What is happening in this passage?**
- **What is beautiful about this passage? What do you see here that makes your heart happy?**
- **Think about what Eden was like before sin entered the world. What comparisons do you see between Eden and this scene in Revelation? God is dwelling in relationship with his people. There is no pain, sin or death.**
- **From these verses, how would you summarize how God's story will end? How does Jesus make this ending possible?**

Apply

- **What have you learned about God or his plan through this series?**
- **Thinking of these verses, or anything in our series what draws you to worship Jesus?**
- **When you think of your life how are you living for things that will last for eternity? How are you living for things that won't matter after we die?**
- **End the time (and this series!) by spending time praising God together. You can open the prayer by saying you will just be praying "popcorn style" with attributes of**

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God you are grateful for. You open the prayer, then allow people to bounce around naming attributes of God. (Ex "God we thank you that you are forgiving....good....trustworthy....etc)

Announcements

Be sure to talk about **winter conference**.

The cost goes up Dec 5th and Thanksgiving break is a great time to ask family about it.

Encourage them why you are going, let them know cost should not be an issue and scholarships are available.

Go-Vember: hop online and find an article, thought or video to share with them about taking the good news to the world.