

House Church Gathering Discussion Questions
Sunday October 25, 2026
“When Heaven Opens”

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

*“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”*

Summary: Revelation 4–5 takes John behind the uncertainty of earth and shows him the reality of heaven: God is still on the throne and Jesus is worthy. John sees a scroll representing God's purposes, but initially no one is worthy to open it, causing him to weep. He is then told that the victorious Lion of Judah has conquered, but when John looks, he sees a Lamb who was slain—Jesus. This surprising picture reveals one of Revelation's central truths: Jesus conquers evil not through worldly power but through His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection. Therefore, when life seems uncertain and evil appears powerful, Christians can have hope because God remains in control and the Lamb has already won.

Discussion Questions:

1. When life feels scary or out of control, how could remembering that “God is still on the throne” help you?
2. Why do you think John was expecting to see a powerful Lion but instead saw a Lamb who had been killed? What does that tell us about Jesus?
3. Jesus shows that real strength can include love and sacrifice. What might that kind of strength look like in your everyday life?