



The End wk5: Who is Worthy?

Introduction: After John describes the throne room of heaven in chapter 4, chapter 5 begins by seeing a scroll in God's hand and wanting to know who can open it. The one who is worthy to open it, is worthy of all worship and allegiance.

Discussion Questions

1. In the 4th video Shane says that the original recipients of the letter were people going through conflict. What types of conflict were they experiencing? He talks about social seduction being a difficult challenge for them, and for us. How is social seduction both subtle and dangerous?
2. Read **Revelation 5:1-5** Why is John upset at first that no one can read the scroll? What is significant about the titles that the elder refers to when saying that someone can open the scroll?
3. Read **Revelation 5:6-7** How does what John sees (a slain lamb) compare to who he was told could open the scroll? Are there some images of Jesus that we gravitate to more than others? What does it say to us that John refers to Jesus as the lamb 29 times in Revelation?
4. Read **Revelation 5:8-14** What are the levels of worship or worshippers that are revealed? Is there anything significant about that? Why is the lamb worthy to open the scroll and receive praise?
5. In the sermon, Jeremy said that this scroll could be seen as the "last will and testament of God." Meaning that the one who would open it would be the executor and put its plan into action. What resonates and what gives you pause with that idea?
6. If Jesus has conquered sin, death, and Satan through his death; does that give any indication about the way that he calls his followers to "fight"? Is there conflict or tension in that calling?

Shaping Your Mind – *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Rev. 5:13b*

Moving Forward – Align yourself with the slain lamb!