



The Triumph of the Lamb

Small Group Work Sheet

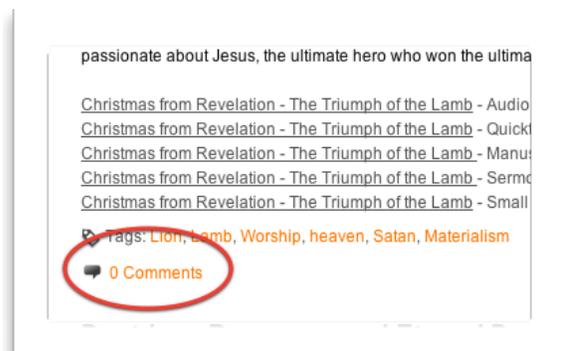
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Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- How did you feel when you worshipped the lamb at the end of the service? Did you picture anything in your mind? Did you change your posture of worship, if so, why?

Part 2 - Review the sermon

- What did you learn about the apocalyptic books of the Bible?
- What is the main theme of apocalyptic books? How does that remind you of the Chronicles of Narnia?
- What is the relationship between Revelation and the Old Testament? In your previous study of the book of Revelation, what role did the Old Testament play?
- What is the purpose of Revelation? What are the three prongs of Satan's attack on the church? Which one am I most vulnerable to?
- What does it mean to say Jesus is both a lion and a lamb?
- After learning that the revelation of Christ is always followed by a response of worship, does your small group think that we should make worship to Christ a regular practice in our church as a response to seeing Jesus in our teaching time? Go to <http://www.christ2rculture.com/sermons/files/triumphlamb.php> and leave your thoughts in the comments section on the sermon. Check later in the week to see other groups responses!
- How did the "smell of your prayer life" change the way you look at prayer and the way God feels about them?
- Did you ever think cheering for our favorite sports team or rock band is a desire and response given by us for our worship of Jesus? How does that change the way I think about and worship Christ?



Part 3 - Digg deeper ...*get the rest of the story.*

What else should the book of Revelation cause us to do?

It should cause us to remember God is passionate about his fame and is going to spread it to every people.

Every people will eventually know about God. Not every person but every people. It is the Greek plural. The great commission is that the gospel will go to every "ethne." That is every ethnic group, not person. It all boils down to the story of the Bible. Look at Revelation 5:9, then 7:9.

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, Revelation 5:9 (ESV)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Revelation 7:9 (ESV)

One day many of us will be shocked at the skin colors around the throne. It will be a dazzling display of humanity with worshippers from every nation. There will be Iranians, Japanese, Chinese, Jews, Somali, Burmese, and Bosnian. They will be around the throne because God is committed to spreading his fame among all the peoples of the world.

It should cause us to adjust our expectations about this life.

Revelation 5:9 and 7:9 are exciting verses. We like to forget that 6:9 is the price tag.

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. Revelation 6:9 (ESV)

Revelation reminds true Christians they are locked in a deadly battle with evil every day. As Christians, expect harassment, expect persecution, expect to be made fun of. Being religious doesn't get anyone into heaven. Reading a Bible and going to church doesn't get anyone into heaven. What gets a person into heaven is when they realize they are in a broken relationship with God. They repent of their sins and trust in Christ. They are deadly serious about their allegiance to the lamb, no matter what it costs them. No matter what inconveniences they face. Obedience to Christ is the evidence of our allegiance to the lamb. That is what gets us there.

It should give us fresh courage for the battle.

Some of us are fresh out of courage. We go through seasons where our spiritual courage is weak and other times when it comes roaring back. Many times, the level of our courage is related to how immersed we are in the Word of God. Revelation

summons believers to courage, no matter how dark the day, no matter how bleak the battle. Revelation 5:12-13 summons children, teenagers and adults to have courage no matter what God has appointed for you to face in your life.

saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:12–13 (ESV)

No matter if your marriage is going down the toilet, your finances are flushed away, or your career has eroded to nothing, stop running from your circumstances. In the power of God, turn and face them.

It should push our gaze upwards and help us remember the promises of God.

Revelation is full of promises. The lion has conquered is a promise. The reason so many Christians are losing the battle to lust, pornography, bitterness, materialism, and envy is because they spend all their time looking for explanations why their problems happen. Unfortunately, explanations, don't sustain us, the promises of God do.

Imagine you were diagnosed with cancer. The doctor could give you a detailed explanation of what cancer does to your body. He can give you an explanation of what you will feel and why you will feel that way. The truth is, that won't sustain you through the chemo. The only thing that sustains us is the promise that after chemo, we will be healed. When it comes to chemo and the problem of cancer, there is no guaranteed promise to pull us through to the end. When it comes to sin, death and heartache in this world, there is a promise! Jesus, our hero, has conquered. He is returning, and will pull us through.