

SPBC
FAMILY DEVOTIONAL
For January 24, 2016



God is with us when we are gathered with other believers, and when we are scattered in our homes and neighborhoods. If you are reading this devotional then it is likely because SPBC is not gathered due to inclement weather conditions – a blizzard! Personally, I'd much rather be sharing a Dairy Queen Blizzard with each of you, but obviously God has other plans for us this weekend. Nonetheless, please use this devotion as a family – spouses, parents with children, individuals and friends.



This Sunday we were supposed to start a series called, "We Envision" from Revelation 5. The goal is to catch God's future vision for eternity to how it impacts us in the here and now. As an introduction to this passage, let us read the text and gain some general observations.

→ What's your favorite animal? Discuss why.

→ What animal are you most like? How about the others in your house? Discuss why for each.

Read Revelation 5

- What animals are described in this passage? Can you describe the animals' appearance and actions? Take some time as a family to either make a list or draw a picture of the animal descriptions. Do not worry if no one in the family is artsy. Having a visual can be helpful for increased understanding.
- Why is Jesus described as a Lion and a Lamb, aren't they two very different animals? How do both these descriptions of Jesus relate to your life?
- Why is no one able to open the scroll? What do you think is written inside of the scroll?
- What happens when Jesus takes the scroll?
- What are your favorite worship songs to sing at church? Consider taking time to sing the mentioned songs or play the songs on your music media.
- Why do you think our prayers are held in a golden bowl, rising to God like incense?
- How does worship in heaven compare – similarities and differences – to worship of God on earth? Make a note of any significant discussions that would be helpful/constructive to share with your church family.
- What additional insights or questions do you have about Revelation 5? For questions you cannot identify answers, write them down to ask your Bible Group Teacher or Pastors.
- Take a few moments to close in prayer together with your family. Ask each person to at least make one statement of why they worship God (ex. I worship You God because You forgive my sin... You show love to me through friends... You give me strength in the midst of hardship... etc.). Remember to pray for your church family, and for our church mission partnerships: Life Connection Church, Jesus Our Redeemer, The Well, Messiah Project Nicaragua, Operation Christmas Child.