



FROM EVERY TRIBE Revelation 5:1–10

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1. Consider Revelation 21:5. As you look at the world around you what are the things that need to be made new?

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2. Read Revelation 5:1–5. In this passage, many are worshipping and focusing on some written word (the scrolls). But in the end, the attention is placed on the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and the Root of David—Jesus. How might you attend to worship and to the Word of God, and yet ensure your primary focus is always Jesus? What practices have you enjoyed that help you?
3. Note the grief expressed by John in Revelation 5:4 (the language suggests he wept uncontrollably). Have you ever felt deep sadness thinking God's plans and purposes would not be fulfilled? Talk about those moments. What gives you hope in those times?
4. See Revelation 5:6. Then read Exodus 12:5–6, Isaiah 53:7–12 and Hebrews 9:22. What is the significance of Jesus being the Lamb who was slain? See John 1:29 for more insight.
5. We are reminded that there is only one race—humankind. While this is true, it is quite diverse and complex, sinful, broken and needy. Read Ephesians 2:13–22 and Revelation 5:9. How do these passages impact your thinking on all-peoples and the manner in which the gospel unites us?

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6. Through Christ's blood people from different ethnicities may be "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." What are practical ways, as a community and personally, to walk out gospel-shaped unity in a world so torn by prejudice, partiality and strife? Read Isaiah 58:6–12 for a prophetic vision for how this might be done.
7. Revelation 7:9–10 finds the redeemed "tribes and peoples and languages . . . crying out with a loud voice" in worship of God. Regardless of language and ethnicity, all of those redeemed ultimately find the object of their worship to be Christ. How does Jesus remain the ultimate object of your worship? How could you help others pursue the same?