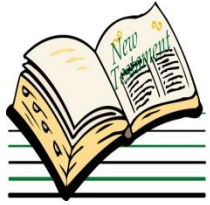


Sermon Notes

Title: *Visions of Heaven that Shape Visions of Earth 2*

Text: Revelation 5

Theme: The Reality at the Center of the Universe



1. Suffering at the Center

2. Grace at the Center

3. Victory at the Center

4. A Chosen Path at the Center

5. An End at the Center

6. Suffering at the Center

7. Grace at the Center

8. Victory at the Center

9. A Chosen Path at the Center

10. An End at the Center

Points to Remember from the Sermon:

1. Things are not exactly as they _____.
2. The throne feels _____.
3. The closer we get to the heart of the Lamb, the closer we get to a heart that aches for a _____.
4. The Lion became a _____ and goes to the cross because of _____.
5. We work _____ the victory and not _____ it.
6. The Way of the _____ versus the Way of the _____
7. In seeing life through Revelation 5, so much of what we call _____ turns out to be _____, and so much of what we call _____ turns out to be _____.

Questions to Discuss or Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Did you think about Revelation Chapter 4 or 5 this week? Did you picture it? Did it change your perspective on your week?
2. Some believe that Revelation 4-5 is the single most important vision in the whole book of Revelation, and that everything else must be understood in its light. What is so important about the vision of the throne at the center?
3. Why does John weep when no one is found worthy to open the scroll?
4. Where in your life do you act more like a lion than like a lamb? What specific activities, habits, rules do you have that give you a sense of power?
5. What makes the "Way of the Lamb" so difficult? How can we repent and be different? Where does the power come from to change?
6. We are a kingdom of priests according to Revelation 5:10. What does a priest do? What does that mean for the followers of the Lamb? What will their lives look like in light of this truth?
7. How do we reign with Christ? In what way do we reign in the Church age? How will we reign when Christ returns?