

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of May 15, 2022

CHECK-IN (~20 minutes)

How was your week? What was the high part of your week? What was the low part of your week? What can we celebrate?

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week Pastor Todd Hampton continued our *What's In A Name* message series. This week, we talked about The Lion and The Lamb from Revelation chapter five. Lion and lamb do not seem to fit in the normal way we view a lion and a lamb. It's kind of like oil and water, but with God it is a perfect summation of who He is. Jesus is the Lion of Judah and deserves all the glory - but He is also the sacrificial Lamb of God in whom we gain relationship with the Father. We cannot have one without the other.

GROUP DISCUSSION (~50 minutes)

1. What one or two takeaways did you have from this week's message? Share your thoughts with the group.

2. *Read Revelation 5:1-10*

What a powerful text to read! How do these verses hit you when you hear them read aloud?

3. Have you ever considered Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb simultaneously? Share your experience with the group.

4. Pastor Todd said that we love Jesus as the Lamb but not so much the Lion. Why do you think that is the case?

5. Pastor Todd shared a quote from Martyn Lloyd Jones, *“You will never make yourself feel that you are a sinner, because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against every accusation. We are all on very good terms*

with ourselves, and we can always put up a good case for ourselves. Even if we try to make ourselves feel that we are sinners, we will never do it. There is only one way to know that we are sinners, and that is to have some dim, glimmering conception of God.”
What do you think about this statement? Does it challenge you?

6. At the end of his message, Pastor Todd asked us if we are only seeing part of who Jesus is - maybe only Him as the Lion (full of justice, wrath, distant), or maybe only as the Lamb (merciful, grace, forgiveness). Do you tend to lean one way or another? Do you find it challenging to see Jesus as both the Lion and the Lamb?

WRAP-UP (~10 minutes)

It is important to be growing in our relationship with Jesus and one another - what is one next step you can take this week to grow? Share with the group and commit to holding one another accountable.

What does it look like to hold each other accountable? It can be as simple as a text or phone call during the week. Hebrews 10:25 encourages us to meet regularly and to encourage one another on a regular basis.

Example: “Hey _____, you indicated in group this week that you were struggling at work with being light in a dark place. You said that your next step was to start a conversation with someone at work this week around the topic of faith. How did that go?”

PERSONAL NOTES

This week, my next step is:

This week I am going to check in on (name):

This week, my Bible reading will be (e.g. Philippians chapters 1-4):