



**HARVEST**  
E-FREE CHURCH

# Growing Deeper

**A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church**  
(for personal and/or small group study)

**Week of November 14, 2021**

**Revelation 5:1-14**

Q: (v.10) In the Bible, God’s priests represent God (and His promises and blessings) to the people (Exo 19:6; 1 Pet 2:9). Even when mocked for our faith, how can we still show God’s blessings to others? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: (v.11) Who else were praising God?

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Q: How do these reminders of what Jesus has done for you, lead you into worship of Him?! Again, why would this be very significant for persecuted believers then and today?

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Q: Knowing your glorious future awaiting you with Jesus forever in heaven, how does this give you strength for today's trials and challenges? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: Every creature in heaven, on earth, and “under the earth” and in the sea joined this heavenly choir in praise to Jesus! Someday every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord of all! How would this encourage those believers who were (or are today) persecuted for following Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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*PRAY: Lord thank you for giving us this amazing view into heaven and the picture of Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God and the conquering Lion, the only One worthy to usher in the end time events. You hold the future in Your hands. You are in control. We trust You. You are Holy, Merciful, You welcome anyone to come into Your presence, through Jesus’ redemptive work on the cross. We join the heavenly choir in praise and worship to You alone! To You, O Lord, be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever, in Jesus, name, Amen!*

*(Rev 5:1) Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”*

*6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 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, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

*11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 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!”*

*13 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!” 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

Q: In chapters 4 & 5, The scene is moved from the churches (on earth), to a glimpse into the throne room of heaven with God in total control. (see Ezek 1:1) Why is this significant especially for persecuted churches of John's day (and today)? Why also is this significantly placed before the revelation of chapters 6-18, which describe the coming wrath of God upon those who continue to reject Christ?

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Q: (vv.1-2) Why is this scroll so significant? How is it described?\_

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Q: This scroll seems to be like a "deed to the earth" (Jer 32:7) and when each seal is opened, it will usher in another phase of God's plan for the world, culminating with Christ's return. It shows God is in complete control over all authorities, hostile forces and all events of history. Those who trust in Jesus will not have to fear these events, but trust God with the process and outcome. Knowing all this, why is it significant that only Christ can open the seals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: What is John's response when no one was found worthy of opening this scroll? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: Who is able to open the scroll and how is He described? (see Gen 49:9-10; Heb 7:14; Isa 11:1, 10; John 1:29) \_\_\_\_\_

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Q: The lion (Gen 49:8-12) symbolizes power, the lamb (Exo 12; John 1:29) symbolizes sacrifice for our sins (Isa 53:7) and submission to God's will. The Root of David (Isa 11:1-10) shows his human lineage. How do these titles perfectly describe Jesus?

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Q: (v.6) Why is it significant that the Lamb of God "appears as it was slain"? (Note: the lamb is standing—He is alive!) Why is this eternal physical reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and grace important for you personally?

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Q: (v.6) Horns symbolize strength and power (1 Kings 22:11). His power was in Christ's submission to die for our sins, in our place, and rising triumphantly from the grave in victory! The eyes represent the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:2-10; Isa 11:2). He took the scroll from God the Father on the throne. What is the response in heaven after that?

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Q: (v.8) The four living creatures and 24 elders held harps and bowls full of incense described as the "prayers of the saints." How encouraging is it to know that your prayers are welcomed and heard by God?

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Q: (vv.9-10) Jesus is praised for rescuing people from every tribe, language, ethnicity and nation. God welcomes anyone willing to repent and trust in His way (through Jesus) to be saved from their sins. How does this passage clearly prohibit any hint of racism among Christ-followers?

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Q: Read the praise song in vv.9-10. List all the things mentioned that Jesus has accomplished for you (and all believers of all time).

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