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GETTING TO KNOW ME

What excites you most about the future? What frightens you most about the future?

INTO THE BIBLE

- 1. In the past, how have you felt about the book of Revelation? What is the book primarily about? What disturbs you the most? What interests you the most? How is Revelation misunderstood?
- 2. Read Revelation 1:1-3. How is this book a prophecy? What does it mean to "heed" the contents of this book? Why does John say "the time is near"?
- 3. Read Revelation 1:3-20 out loud as a group. What words and titles are used for Jesus?
- 4. Read Revelation 1:9. Where is Patmos? Why was John exiled there? What happened to him?
- 5. Read Revelation 5:1-5 out loud as a group. What do the titles "the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah" and "the Root of David" mean? (cf. Genesis 49:9-10; 2 Samuel 7:13, 16; Isaiah 11:1, 10)
- 6. Read Revelation 5:6-10.
 - Share a time in your life when realizing that Christ is triumphant changed your tears to joy.
 - How would you describe the difference between Jesus as a lamb and a lion? (Read Psalm 2.)
- 7. Read Revelation 5:11-14.
 - How is the Lamb described? Is He God? Why? Why not?
 - How are true believers called to respond to the Lamb? What does this mean practically?
- 8. How does this chapter give us courage to live out the gospel? Be specific.
- 9. Read Revelation 5:9 and 7:9. How do these verses tie into the Story of the Bible?
 - Read Revelation 6:9. Why is martyrdom often the price-tag for advancing the gospel?
 - Read Revelation 6:10-11. Discuss the implication of a predetermined number of martyrs in God's plan.

APPLICATION

How will your private and public worship look different after this chapter?

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FAMILY FOCUS

Parents, we are pleased to include a family-oriented section to the Community Group questions. Our goal is to assist you in taking what you have learned through the sermon and discussed in your group and "bring it home" to your family.

- 1. What's in a name? Discuss the meaning of the names of each member of your family. Why were those names chosen?
- 2. Jesus has many names and titles. There are some in this week's sermon (Revelation 5:5, 8). Read the following verses: John 8:12, 10:11; 1 John 4:14. Discuss the meaning of these names of Jesus. Is it helpful or encouraging to know these things about Jesus? Why? How?