



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 10.18.26

Revelation 5 // Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① Can you think of a song from your childhood or young adulthood that captures the way you felt during a specific season and that has the power to bring back a wave of nostalgia? Think about and consider the way that music can bring back a memory or stir up a certain emotion. Talk about this idea - and the songs that come to mind for you when you think about this - with your LifeGroup.

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

HERE is the Sermon Recap video playlist on Vimeo.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Revelation 5.

- ① This past Sunday, we got together for a Q&A following our Vision Night on September 27. If you were able to be at the Vision Night and/or the Q&A (or if you've been able to watch the Vision Night recording at <https://cvconline.org/Launchpad/>) take a moment to reflect on what you heard and learned at one or both of those gatherings.
 - What is something that encouraged, challenged, or stood out to you from the Vision Night or the Vision Night Q&A?
 - What, if anything, was unclear to you following the Vision Night or the Vision Night Q&A?
 - Based on what's been shared at these gatherings, what do you think your next step is in responding with faith and action to what you've heard, or equipping someone else to do the same?
- ② How has the Lord used music about who He is, and the singing of His praises, in your life to equip you and/or draw you to Him in various seasons? Are there certain songs that you love to sing to God because of the truths contained in them or the hope you find in singing them?

- ③ Review Revelation 5. Then read 1 Corinthians 15:12-24. There are some similarities between what John is writing about in Revelation 5 and the argument that Paul is making in 1 Corinthians 15:12-24. Here's just one example: in Revelation 5, John weeps when no one is worthy to open the scroll. If no one can open the scroll, as Joe put it on Sunday, then there is no one to read it and enact God's plan. In 1 Corinthians 15:12-24, Paul makes the argument that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, then Christians are all of all people most to be pitied - because if that's the case then the preaching of Christians and the eternal destination of Christians are both called into question.
- What are some other similarities between these two passages? What are some differences?
 - There is obviously a hopefulness to the end of Revelation 5, when all of heaven is rejoicing that the Lamb is worthy. What are some notes of hopefulness that you see and identify in the passage from 1 Corinthians (hint: look especially at verse 20 and verse 22).
- ④ Review Revelation 5:9-10. Then read Exodus 19:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:9-10.
- What similarities do you see shared among these three passages?
 - These three passages show a beautiful continuity in the message of God to His people throughout the Old and New Testaments. How does this continuity give you hope as you consider the character and the plan of our good God?
 - What does it mean for us today that we as Christians are God's people, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, a people for His own possession? As God's people, how do these three passages of Scripture show us that we should live and move and be?
 - How do these passages, viewed together, corroborate Joe's statement on Sunday that "the Lamb's ransom creates a global Church?" How should this reality shape the way that we share who Jesus is with those around us in our communities and those around the world?



⑤ What is one thing that you haven't talked about in your LifeGroup yet that especially encouraged, equipped, challenged, or encouraged you from our passage in Revelation or from the sermon on Sunday?

⑥ In the sermon, Joe mentioned three ways we can respond after considering Revelation 5:

Worship: Sing like the Lamb is worthy - because He is.

Witness: Share the good news that Jesus died and rose to ransom sinners.

Mission: Ask what part God is calling you to play in bringing every tribe, language, people, and nation into the song.

- Which of these responses resonates with you today, and why?
- Which of these responses do you think the Lord might be calling you to pray over or pray about as you seek to pursue Him and love Him faithfully, both now and in the future?



RESOURCES

A Tale of Two Kingdoms Recommended Resources: https://cvconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/TaleOfTwo_Resources_CVC.pdf

CVC Blog: <https://cvconline.org/category/articles/>

PRAY AND APPLY

- Pray that the worthiness of Jesus would move us from mere understanding to wholehearted worship that works itself out in eager pursuit of the Great Commission.
- Pray for anyone trying to make themselves worthy before God, that they would stop striving and trust the Lamb who was slain in their place.
- Pray that CVC would feel the global scope of Christ's ransom and become increasingly willing to pray, give, send, and go.
- Pray for missionaries and future missionaries who will follow the path of the slain Lamb into costly places for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that the Lord would call many from the next generation at CVC that would give their lives to global missions—specifically going to place where Christ has not yet been named.
- Pray that we would overcome by faithfully completing the works God has prepared for us and receive the reward Christ has promised.



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to share
these announcements with your group.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday Sessions - October 25

In this three-week series, we'll take a look at the importance of story, the gospel as story, the way that stories shape us, the story that digital technology is telling in our homes and in our hands, and some practical ways to intentionally teach and disciple our children as Christian parents living in an increasingly digital age and world. Join us in Room 104/106 at 9:30 am on Sunday, October 25, November 1 & November 8.

Community Life Connect Breakfast - October 25

Join us for a Community Life Connect Breakfast and meet members of the Community Life Team while learning more about the LifeGroups and WorkShops available at Cuyahoga Valley Church. Enjoy a light breakfast, ask questions, and discover opportunities to connect and grow with others. No registration is required-just come and join us after the 9:30 service at 10:45 in Lower Level 114.

Explore CVC - November 8

Explore CVC is our regularly-offered class that helps you explore the foundations of who we are as a church, including our history, what we believe, and our mission. It is also your next step toward membership. To become a member of our church, attendance at two classes is required. The first class is called Explore CVC, and the second is Join CVC. Completion of both is necessary for membership. [Register here!](#)

CVC YOUTH

High School Fall Retreat - November 20-22

Join us for CVCYouth's High School Retreat as we invite students to put down the things competing for their attention, spend intentional time with Jesus, and consider what it looks like to trust Him when life feels anything but still. Register [here](#).