

# Dragons, Beasts, and All the Mysterious Things

## I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: Read one of the following selections and be prepared to talk about it next week:

**Revelation 6-8a | Revelation 8b-11 | Revelation 15-16**

## II. Scripture

Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one seated on the throne. It had writing on the front and the back, and it was sealed with seven seals. I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. So, I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look inside it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Don't weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

**Revelation 5:1-5**

## V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## IV. Challenge

Read Revelation 17-20. Take notes about what stood out to you and why. Feel free to ask as many questions as necessary.

## III. Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from this weeks scripture?
- Without context, what have you been told about the dragon, the beast, and the wars that take place in Revelation? Have they always been a frightening scene?
- Pastor Fernie mentioned that there are a lot of connections between the book of revelation and the Old Testament. One of them was the connections between the way Domitian was portrayed and the vision of the throne room that John saw.
  - What difference does knowing these connections make?
  - What other connections did you hear through the SermonCast?
- Chapters 6-8 talk about the 7 seals. What stood out to you as John described what happens each time a seal was broken?
- Chapters 9-11 describe the trumpet sounds. What stood out to you as John described what happened each time a trumpet would sound?
- Chapters 15-16 describe what happens when the 7 bowls are poured out. What stood out to you as John described what happens each time a bowl is poured out.
- Reflect on the pattern of each of these cycles that Pastor Fernie mentioned. Do you think that pattern still rings true today?
- What is your understanding of the Woman and the dragon and what is your takeaway?
- What is your understanding of the two beasts and what is your takeaway?
- The message of revelation is that in the end, evil will never win. How can your conversations around Revelation inspire you to help you bring about heaven on earth for all people and overcome evil.