



"The Final Chapter: A New Beginning" - August 2, 2026
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Group Leader Notes

In this message from our Summer Reading series, Pastor Ruthie Seiders explores Revelation 4, 5, 21, and 22. Through John's vision, we enter the throne room of heaven, where all creation worships God and declares that Jesus Christ, the Lion of Judah and the Lamb who was slain, is worthy of all praise. The story of Scripture moves from Creation and the Fall through Redemption and finally to New Creation. God promises a new heaven and a new earth where he will dwell with his people, wipe away every tear, and bring an end to death, mourning, crying, and pain. The final chapter of Scripture is also a new beginning. One day, faith will become sight, all things will be made new, and people from every tribe, language, and nation will join heaven's choir in worship.

Main Scripture Reading: Revelation 4, 5, 21 and 22

Group Discussion: Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **The sermon contrasts the Lion of Judah with the Lamb who was slain.** Why do you think Jesus is revealed as a sacrificial Lamb rather than a conquering lion? How does that shape your understanding of true strength, leadership, and victory?
2. **Pastor Ruthie said that worship begins with recognizing God's worthiness.** What most stirs your heart to worship God? What distractions or circumstances tend to pull your focus away from His worth?
3. **Revelation describes people from every tribe, language, nation, and people worshipping together before God's throne.** What does this vision teach us about God's heart for humanity, and how can our church better reflect that vision today?
4. **The promise of a new creation includes the end of death, mourning, crying, and pain.** How does the hope of God's future restoration encourage you in the middle of present-day struggles? Is there an area of your life where you especially need to hold on to that hope?
5. **The sermon ended by reminding us that the final chapter of Scripture is actually a new beginning.** If you truly believed that God is making all things new, how might it change the way you live, pray, serve, or share your faith this week?

Let's Pray

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This summer, in our Summer Reading sermon series, we're exploring the grand story of Scripture through the four major acts of the Bible: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation.

We'll see how God has been at work throughout all ages—and how God is at work right now. Along the way, we'll gain more biblical understanding and meaningful, life-shaping applications.

Our hope is that, together, we will:

- Discover joy in reading God's Word
- See the powerful, unified arc of Scripture
- Understand God's redemptive work for all people and all things in Jesus
- Embrace the invitation to join Him in that work today

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