

# **LIFE Group Leader Handout**

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## **A Sovereign Proclamation**

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### **Scripture—Revelation 5:1-10**

*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.”*

### **Main Idea—The Gospel is a Sovereign God’s Stated Purpose; It Is Ours to Proclaim**

#### **#1. God holds the world in his hands**

The Bible shows how you and I make choices but God is still in control. Like The Story of Joseph. God never lost control. Never does today either.

A high view of God aligns with His purposes.

#### **#2. Man is hopeless**

No person was worthy to open the scroll.

God sends the unworthy He has redeemed to reach the others.

#### **#3. The Lamb Reigns**

The slain lamb reigns sovereignly

His suffering explains his sovereignty.

### **Application—**

- How did this message shake up your thoughts of the Sovereign God and His plan?
- How does the sovereignty of God bring peace and purpose to our minds and hearts?
- How does the sovereignty of God create a godly eagerness to bring Him glory by sharing our faith?