



## News to Know

### **1) MFuge Fundraiser**

Thank you for attending yesterday's meeting! If you have any questions or weren't able to make it, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We understand that this fundraiser is different from the camp stew fundraiser, but we truly believe it has the potential to cover your student's entire camp balance. Typically, the camp stew fundraiser raised about \$150–\$200 per student—meaning that filling just half the grid could match previous years' support.

Since this fundraiser doesn't involve selling a physical product, it's important that your student communicates the true value of the investment: their spiritual growth. While there's nothing tangible to give in return, the opportunity to strengthen their relationship with Jesus is priceless.

The fundraiser process is outlined in the information sheet, but keep in mind that your student should personally present the brochure and ask potential donors themselves. While sharing the grid on social media can be helpful, direct, personal asks are the most effective way to gain support. If you need digital copies of any materials, you can access them [here](#). As you receive donations, be sure to: Record them on the provided chart, send a thank you note to each donor, and set the funds aside to use for your second payment. The fundraiser runs until **March 9th**. On that date, please turn in your packet, including the completed donation chart, to me.

**2) Refuge – Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

We'll meet at 6:30 in The Harbor this week and discuss Revelation 4-5.

**3) Sunday Morning Small Groups**

Small groups will meet as always:

9:45 AM in Grace Cottage

11:00 AM in Building B

**Refuge this week**

This week, we'll focus on Revelation 4 and 5. In those two chapters, John receives a vision of the throne of God. After writing correction to seven different churches, he motivates them with a vision of who God is. What John saw should compel us to have a higher vision of God in our own lives as well. It should lead to worshipping Him.

In the first three verses, John sees God on His throne. John's vision is like a kaleidoscope of color, sound, sight, and even smell. While John uses imagery to describe what he say, God is beyond description in appearance and utterly reliable in his promises. God is not pacing the floor of Heaven

while looking down on Earth. He's sitting on His throne. Everything points and revolves around Him.

Then, John sees the throne room of God. Around the throne, John sees 24 elders falling at God's feet and four living creatures shouting, "Holy, holy, Holy." He hears the sounds of thunder and praise reverberating the room. They all worship the One who is worthy of worship. This is not a boring scene. It's not a lifeless church service with people singing in an apathetic way. Real worship has wonder. Many of us have lost our sense of awe and amazement when it comes to God. But, in light of who he is and what he has done, the only rightful response is to fall down and worship.

In the first half of chapter 5, John sees a scroll. This scroll has God's redemption plan. It has the plan for the culmination of all history and how He will overcome evil and suffering. Nobody was found worthy to open the scroll until Jesus walks in. Jesus, who is first seen as a lion and then Lamb, takes the scroll from the Father's hand and opens it. Our sovereign God holds the destiny of the world in the palm of His hand. God has a plan to make perfect a new heaven and a new earth.

Finally, John sees the scroll opened. We see here the beginning of the process of God putting everything in its right place by placing everything in the right hands. At that moment, weeping turns to worship. Not only do the elders and the creatures worship, but all of creation. Jesus is receives praise from people in every tribe, language, and nation. The more we grow in our understanding of Him, the more we are drawn into worship. As these chapters reveal, theology without doxology is idolatry. This vision forces us to ask: Is your worship centered on the right throne?

### **Resource of the week**

This week's resource is titled, "The Ultimate Goal of Parenting."  
You can find it [here](#).



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