



The Lamb

Focus Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God. When God looks at us, He sees the pure, perfect lamb whom He has provided on our behalf.

Open How would you describe Jesus to someone who doesn't know Him? What words do you think describe Jesus the best?

- Talk**
1. Read Exodus 29:38–39 and Hebrews 7:26–27. Have you ever thought about Jesus as fulfilling all of God's requirements on our behalf? In fulfilling God's law for us, what is one thing Jesus has done for you that you are most thankful for?
 2. How do people often respond to feeling guilty about their sin? Read Ephesians 1:7. How does this practically change our response to sin and to God?
 3. Read Genesis 22:7–8 and John 1:29. God provided Jesus as the sacrificial lamb. How do we often try to provide for our own sins? Have you ever tried to do good things to make up for doing something wrong? What types of things do you sometimes do to try to compensate for a mistake?
 4. Read Exodus 12:5 and 1 Peter 1:19. In the Old and New Testament, the lamb had to be without blemish. Why do you think God required this?
 5. What makes people think God doesn't accept them? Have you ever felt this way? Read Ephesians 1:6–7. Because of Jesus the Lamb, does God accept us?

Live

1. Have you ever felt like you had to be perfect or get your act together before you came to God? Why do we sometimes feel this way?
2. Read Colossians 1:21–22 and 1 Corinthians 1:30–31. Because Jesus was pure and perfect, we are pure and perfect before God. How can we practically trade our toiling and works for Jesus' perfect righteousness?
3. Read Hebrews 4:16. How open is God's throne to us? How do we practically come before God's throne of Grace, even when we mess up?

Pray

Break into groups of 3–4. Share which of the following tends to be an area in which you have the greatest challenge? Then share one truth about how Jesus as the sacrificial lamb helps us with this.

- a. Feeling like God judges you on how you perform
- b. Feeling guilty when you mess up
- c. Feeling discouraged because you don't feel good enough for God to love you
- d. Feeling burdened by trying to remember each and every sin and confess it so God will forgive you
- e. Feeling like you have to make up for bad behavior by counterbalancing it with lots of extra good behavior
- f. Feeling like you can't pray or come to God for a while after you have messed up

Pray for one another to have a revelation of Jesus as the Lamb in this area.