

Yes, it is the entire chapter. Yes, it is in that mysterious and complex book called Revelation (note: not Revelations!). Yes, it is a snapshot (or better, moving picture) of the end times and the worship of God that is taking place. Yes, it is a MAGNIFICENT scene.

STUDY THE TEXT: First, look at all the drama taking place. What is going on? What do you learn about who Jesus is? Why is Jesus worthy? (Make sure you see this!) What is everyone doing? Who is everyone? What words are used to tell you who is a part of this worship event?

John Piper is a well-known pastor, author, teacher, and theologian, who is known for his passion for God and for missions. His little book, *Let the Nations be Glad*, stirred me up about the supreme reason for global missions. The supreme reason is the glory of God and the need for all the nations to join in the worship of the One True God and His Only Son, Our Lord. Missions exists because worship does not exist in many places. One day there will be glorious worship of the Worthy King everywhere and always.

PRAY IT THROUGH: Until that day of glorious worship, pray. Pray for God to be glorified. Pray for God to be raising up worshippers from every tribe and nation. Pray that our missional workers would help people discover and worship the One True God.

CLOSING NOTE This concludes our 3-week focus on global ministry. I hope you encountered Christ as you read, studied, and prayed through these three devotionals.

Coming next is Palm Sunday and a devotional on worship. After that is Easter and our series *Get Real*, where we begin to explore what it means to flourish in God's beautiful Kingdom.



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GLOBAL MINISTRY FOCUS

Week #3 Growing Deeper Devotional

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A GROWING DEEPER PRACTICE

Each day, as you prepare to read the Bible, study, think, and pray, begin with a short time of becoming quiet. Sit in silence. Allow your mind and heart to be turned to Christ. You may want to softly say the name “Jesus” several times—slowly, humbly, reverently, gratefully. Then pray, **“Speak, Lord Jesus, your servant and friend is listening.”** Then continue on with the day's devotion.

1 OTHER SHEEP

Read **John 10:10-16.**

You may want to read all of John 10:1-18 to see the whole teaching on Jesus the Good Shepherd, but verses 10-16 have a vital point I want you to notice. Jesus came to bring us abundance of life. That abundance is for everyone. Jesus makes this clear in verse 16. There are other sheep (people) that are not yet enfolded into the care of the Good Shepherd. Jesus loves those people and goes seeking after them. We are to love them and seek them as well. That is why we care about the world and support global ministry through Faith Promise. We are working with Jesus to bring in more people.

PRAY IT THROUGH: I know it's hard to have God's heart for the world. I know it's hard to remember the needs in the world when the needs up close are so pressing. Ask God for the grace and goodness to pray for and financially support his work through Living Word to reach the world with the Good News of an Amazing Shepherd.