

Message Series: Fathers Day

Message Title: The Lion and The Lamb

Key Scripture:

Revelation 5 v 5-13, 1 Timothy 4v8, 1 Timothy 6v11-12, Revelation 19v9, Genesis 49v9

Theme

For Fathers Day we want to model Christlikeness. Jesus is referred to in the Bible as both the Lion and the Lamb. The Lion, symbolising the power of Christ as an eternal King, the Lamb, where we find the grace of Jesus as our eternal saviour. May we all in Christ and those both who are Fathers and aspire to be model ourselves after Him.

Message Summary

Through this message this challenges you to be more like Jesus. The Lion and The Lamb show the dual roles, virtues and attributes of Jesus. They show us how we can be incomplete, or out of balance, if we don't model our lives equally on both. There is much we can learn from; The Lion as from the royal tribe, knows who he is, who will deliver the final part of God's victory, confirms our promises, will not retreat, knows what battle, when to fight, fights knowing he will win, uses his power in the right way. And The Lamb, who surrenders and saves, is gentle and humble, is a winner, knows when to be silent, is faithfully obedient, sees it through, is perfect, is worthy, is on the throne.

Whole Group Questions

- **Think & Talk: What attributes are you most drawn to, feel you live out the best, have missed/forgotten or struggle with?**
- **What impact does being male/female have on which attributes you embrace?**
- **Prayer: Lord, May we understand who Jesus really is and therefore, who we are called to be. Help us embrace and live out all aspects of The Lion and The Lamb to be fully complete and in balance in him to serve your purposes in this world. Amen.**

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – thinking about the attributes of the L&L, how do we relate to one other? What expectations do we place on one another of how we should be, particularly concerning genders i.e. "strong men", "gentle women"....

Share with one another your experiences and thinking.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

Which attributes/virtues do you find easiest to live out? Which ones are the most challenging? Where have you seen it lived out well/not so well?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Could you demonstrate something different to what you naturally do to become more well rounded in Christlikeness?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

What myths might we have to dispel about the Lion and the Lamb that people have about Jesus? i.e. They see him more as The Lamb, meek, mild, loving and suffering and not also as the conquering returning majestic Lion who roars!

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Where can we become more obedient in our life? What might we need to be laying down? Where could we sacrifice more?

How does this impact your praise and worship?