

Discussion Guide: Agnus Dei

*John [the baptizer] saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:29,34.*

December 12-14, 2003: "Agnus Dei – Lamb of God ✦ Born to Us" A Cantata presented by the Spirit and Truth Choir and Orchestra and directed by Eric Anderson, Worship Pastor of College Park Church. What a blessing it was as we celebrated the incredible mystery and wonder of the incarnation of God through music, song and narrative.

The musical featured the songs of Michael W. Smith with arrangements and script created by David Hamilton and Dennis & Karla Worley. For an interview with the authors, visit <http://www.jjonline.com/communicator/200202/insight.php>

At the conclusion of the Cantata, the Shepherd Narrator quoted four scriptures:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. 1 Peter 1:3-4a

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:10

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4-5a

For the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father full of grace and truth. 1 John 1:14

Application Discussion:

Read the above scriptures, and then focus on the context of the quote from Paul's letter to Titus in Titus 2:11 - 3:11 and then discuss...

- A. What did Christ do for us? Why did he do it?
- B. As a people of God, from what have we been saved?
- C. As people of God, how are we to live our lives?
- D. In which aspect of living your life for Christ do you find it easy to do? In which aspect do you find it most difficult?
- E. What aspect of life would you like to work on over the holidays?

Use what is identified in the last two questions as input for your prayer time together, and encourage one another as you lift each other up on prayer before the Lord.