

REVELATION

A Message to God's Church

Week 10: Revelation 4:1 - 11

OPENING QUESTIONS

Read through Revelation 4:1 – 11 aloud together as a group. In your initial reading, what pops out at you? Discuss. Why is this significant to you?

THRONE ROOM EXPERIENCE

What does the transition “after this” (Revelation 4:1) signify? Why does God bring John into heaven for this next part of Revelation?

Who is the One sitting on the throne (Isaiah 6:1)? What does the picture of the throne teach us?

How do you see God?

How willing would you be to give up everything, all of your crowns, all of your power, all of your rights, so that you could serve God fully and completely?

WORSHIP

“All of history is moving toward one great goal, the white-hot worship of God and His Son among all the peoples of the earth. Missions is not that goal. It is the means. And for that reason it is the second greatest human activity in the world.” – John Piper

“God created us for this: to live our lives in a way that makes him look more like the greatness and the beauty and the infinite worth that he really is. This is what it means to be created in the image of God.” – John Piper

What was the dominant *activity* of heaven? Some have said that worship is the most important activity of the church. Do you agree?

What is worship? *Why* is worship important?

Can you tell about a time of really incredible worship for you? How does worship benefit the individual believer? How does worship strengthen the church as a whole?

Read Revelation 4:1-11; 7:1-17; 14:1-7; 15:1-4; 19:1-10. Briefly describe the atmosphere of the divine throne room. What are some of the core components of worship that you note in these scenes?

How might our worship practices and patterns more fully reflect those envisioned here in Revelation?

CLOSING QUESTION

So, what are we, as individuals and as a Missional Community, going to do with this section of Scripture? What is God calling us to be? What is God calling us to do?