

## Our God Reigns and Rules Discussion Questions

Revelation 4:1-5:5

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1. What does an open door mean to you? Do you ever question whether you should go through and open door? Why or why not? What did the open door mean to John?
2. What do you picture when you visualize God's throne room in your mind? How does John describe the throne room? Does your vision match up with this description in Revelation 4:1-8? How do you think you would react to seeing this for yourself?
3. Compare John's description to Ezekiel's in Ezekiel 1:26-29.
4. Why do you think John described God using gemstones? Why not human physical traits?
5. Read Exodus 28:17-20. What do you notice about the stones here compared to Revelation 4:3. What meaning could this have?
6. Why is there lightning and thunder in the throne room? Would this intimidate you? Why or why not?
7. How are the four living creatures described in Revelation 4:6-9? What do you think of these creatures? What do you think about the differences in their appearance? What do you think about all their eyes? What do you think about their 6 wings?
8. What are the four living creatures doing around the throne? What does everyone else do while they are doing this? What do you think you should do right now after having read Revelation 4:9-11?
9. If worship in the Bible means "to prostrate oneself by laying low in reverence and surrender" why don't we use this posture more in our worship? Do you think our lack of use of this posture may mean that we may be too prideful and not humble enough? Why or why not?
10. What do you think is the meaning of the scroll that appears in Revelation 5:1? What is the importance of this scroll? Do you think this is the same scroll mentioned in Daniel 12:4? Why or why not?
11. How does John feel about no one being found to open the scroll? Why is it important for this scroll to be opened? Why is Jesus the only one who can open it?
12. What does it mean for Jesus to be the lion of Judah? What does it mean that He is the root of David? What does it mean that He is the lamb? Why is it important that He is all three together?