

Sunday 5th June 2016

Home Group Discussion Questions

Worship in Heaven

Read: Revelation Chapters 4 and 5

David Moffitt spoke movingly last week about '*worship and reality*' – having our eyes opened to a new understanding of ourselves and the spiritual hosts as we worship God. This is exactly what is happening here in Rev 4 & 5 as John sees 'a door standing open in heaven'.

1. As you read these two chapters, what strikes you most vividly about the worship that is continually going on in heaven?
2. As you look at Rev 4: 2-6, how is *the beauty* of one seated on the throne portrayed? How can we capture more of God's beauty in our worship?
3. Who is involved in worshipping God in these two chapters and who do they represent? How should this reality influence our worship?
4. Suddenly, as we come to Chapter 5, John is startled by the sight of Jesus Christ alongside the Father on the throne (v.13). List the many different ways Jesus is described in Chapter 5 and what do you think is the cumulative effect?
5. Why do you think the song the four living creatures and the twenty four elders were singing is described as **a new** song? (Rev 5: 8 and 9).
6. What in these chapters would offer deep comfort to John exiled on Patmos and to the persecuted church of the C1st?
7. What is it about the worship of heaven that should shape our worship on earth?
8. What have you found most helpful about this recent series on worship?

Pray: Re-read Rev 5:9-10 and pray for issues of global mission.

