

7 -WEEK STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

WEEK 4

Worship and Allegiance

Revelation 4-5



WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Revelation 4-5

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To focus on the glory and majesty of Jesus and respond in worship and allegiance

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What was your favorite movie growing up? Have you ever seen The Wizard of Oz? If so,

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Revelation 4 and 5. In Revelation 3:19-22, Jesus offers an invitation for the seven churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) to open the door (to Him). In what ways have you tried, now or in the past, to close the door of your life to Jesus? How has/is that decision affecting you? What effect has opening the door to Jesus had in your life?
- 2. Revelation 4 begins with an invitation to John and to us, the reader, to walk through the opened door. John sees some pretty strange things. What kind of emotional or spiritual responses do you personally have after reading about these images?
- 3. Remember the reoccurring theme of the book of Revelation is that, "even when it looks like evil is winning, Christ has already won." What do we read in chapters 4 and 5 that reinforces this truth? How do these words bring you comfort?
- 4. In what ways does it feel like evil is winning in our age? How do chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation challenge this assumption? How might you need to shift your focus to Jesus?
- 5. Following Pastor Scott's big idea...what would it look like if you were to "pay (more) attention to the Lamb behind the curtain?" Have you ever been so caught up worshipping Jesus that you lost track of time? If so, what was that like? What have you discovered about Jesus lately as you have had time with Him in worship?
- 6. What symbols of power, authority, and self-worth are you displaying in your life right now that need to be placed at the feet of Jesus? How can your group encourage you to do this?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that God would help each of you to "pay more attention to the Lamb behind the curtain" this week.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently Pray that (1) God would reveal Jesus to them, (2) that God would turn their hearts towards Him, (3) that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and (4) that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Go to **venturamissionary.com** and look at the resources page. Find one resource (video, book, podcast) and dig into it this week to aid your study of Revelation.

Pray daily: Lord, reveal Your splendor to me so that my life demonstrates worship and allegiance to You.

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