

# REVELATION



## Let's Talk

Perspective plays a huge role in how we navigate our everyday lives. When it comes to perspective, would you consider yourself an optimist, a pessimist, a realist, or an opportunist?

## Let's Study

Read Revelation 4-5.

At the beginning of Chapter 4, a voice like a trumpet invites John to see what is to come and, as John describes, "at once I was in the Spirit". What does it mean for John to be in the Spirit? What did John see while he was 'in the Spirit?' (vv. 4:2-5)

Why is it important that the sea surrounding the throne is smooth like 'glass' and 'crystal'? (v. 4:6) Hint: think back to this week's sermon.

Who are the 'four living beings'? What do they look like? What do they do? (vv. 4:6b-8)

Why does John weep bitterly? Why does one of the elders tell him to stop weeping? (vv. 5:3-6)

Pastor Sam explained the significance of the scroll (v. 5:1). Discuss with your group what it means for us as believers today that there is a Lamb worthy to open the scroll and reveal its mystery.

Who are the twenty-four elders surrounding the throne? Why are they significant and what do they tell us about God's character? (v. 4:10)

Two impactful images in Revelation 5 are of the Lion (v. 5) and the Lamb (v. 6). While at first glance they seem to be opposites, we learn that they are representative of different aspects of God's character. What is the significance of the one "standing at the center of the throne" as the 'Lamb who is slain' rather than the Lion?

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## **Let's Apply**

Throughout Revelation 4 and 5 we read about the constant state of worship, from the four living creatures to the twenty-four elders. John enters into this environment of worship at one of the lowest points in his life. How can we enter into ongoing worship every day? We show our love to God when we worship him. With your group, discuss your progress in the spiritual discipline of regular worship.

As Pastor Sam explained, much of our anger and frustration in life stems from the realization that we do not sit on the throne and the world does not orbit around us. What are some steps we can take to shift from a perspective that is self-centred to one that is kingdom-centred?

## **Let's Pray**

Holy Lord God Almighty,  
Holy is your name.  
You alone are worthy.  
We celebrate you, Jesus.  
Open our eyes to see,  
and our ears to hear.  
Draw us into worship,  
day and night,  
and night and day.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Amen.