## Icebreaker: What is your favorite way to worship God?

## To Discuss:

- 1. How did your week go and what progress did you see in being a reconciler or messenger of hope?
- 2. What stands out to you from the message?
- 3. How does the scene of Revelation 4 (and 5) help you to reframe your present reality?

It is as if the Holy Spirit says to John (and to us): "Listen to me. Things are not as they appear. I am about to show you things as they really are. I am about to take you into the throne room, the control room, as it were, of God himself. Things are not running amok. The devil has not won. Evil has not triumphed. Neither fate nor cruel chance governs the universe. He who was and is and is to come has everything well in hand." —Sam Storms <u>Revelation</u>

- 4. The Throne and the Lamb are two images that show up repeatedly in the remainder of Revelation. What do they symbolize? Why are they so key to understanding the messages of this book?
- 5. All promises will be kept at the throne of God! What promise are you tempted to not believe? How can this passage motivate you to be real with your struggles and bolder in your faith?
- 6. How do the reality of God's rule and reign affect you on a daily basis?
- 7. Read Revelation 4:8b-11. Is your worship just on Sunday during a church service? God is holy, holy, holy! He is worthy of our worship! Think of examples of encounters with God and how humans responded. How can your attitude of worship be consistent and constant?
- 8. What were your observations from the 3-minute pause? Will you try pausing and surrendering as a regular practice? What do you hope will happen as a result?
- 9. What did you learn about God from this passage?