



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Week 3 – Small Group Study

God is on the Throne

READ: Revelation 4

Feel free to have 1 person read while everyone else closes their eyes to assist with imagining the images in the vision.

What image or verses stand out to you? Why?

Things are not always as they seem and by receiving a vision of heaven we have a better view of what is happening on earth. The most frequent command in Revelation is “LOOK! or BEHOLD” The second is “FEAR NOT”. The book of Revelation is NOT for fear mongering – it is a vision of HOPE!

Why do you think the most frequent command in Revelation is “Look! or Behold”? What do you think God would want to draw our attention to in our current world today?

The THRONE is the major focus of Revelation 4. This is to remind us that God is still on the throne today, and still in control of our world.

What would make people question God’s position on the throne today?

How do the jewels and the rainbow go together to present a balanced picture of the character of God?

How do all the other elements in Rev 4 help to support the notion that God is the ultimate ruler?

How are our lives different when we believe that God is still on the throne? What does this mean for our decisions, actions, conversations, families, workplaces?

In the time of John’s writing, the sea was something to be feared as it was dangerous and unpredictable. The sea of glass refers to God’s Realm surrounded by “controlled” chaos (this present world) for the sea is not choppy or rough but controlled. At the end of Revelation in the New Heaven, the sea is gone, meaning the chaos is finally gone.

How does this image help us understand how God can be in control and yet it seems like the world is running amok?

Spend a moment exploring (and dreaming) what the world would look like without chaos.

How does this view of heaven, in Revelation 4, encourage us as believers?

How does it help you to gain perspective in any way on God’s work and plan in our world today?

PRAY

Spend some time praying for the current chaos in our world. This could include the unrest overseas or even the busyness of the lives of those in the group. Let’s acknowledge God’s rule and reign in our prayers too.