



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning:



Studies in Revelation. The Throne and the Scroll: ch 4 –5

Warm Up

What is the difference between you and your pets?

Have you ever been asked to do something or been given something that you felt you did not deserve?

Background and context

In these two chapters we get a glimpse of God’s throne room. John is invited up to see the reality of heaven and to be informed of what God’s rescue plan is for the world. How He is going to restore His good creation. He, like Daniel and Ezekiel before him is shown truths that he is to pass on to the church as a message of hope throughout the ages. The throne room is not just a place of worship but the war room where God’s plan of salvation is revealed and put into action.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ CH 4-5. *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don’t you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*

1. We often think of Heaven and Earth being separated by a vast gulf. How do v 1-2 challenge that view? How might it change our view of life here and now if we know God’s throne room is just a step away?
2. What does the rainbow in ch 4:2 remind us of? What does it teach about God?
3. What can we learn about God from the description of His throne room?
4. Who might the 24 elders represent? What might the 4 creatures represent?
5. What is the difference between their worship of God? Is this significant?
6. Who is holding the scroll? What is the “big picture” the scroll contains?
7. Why does John weep? Does this resonate with you as we witness so much evil in our world?
8. **Read 5 v 5-6.** What or who do these creatures symbolise? What is the difference between them?
9. What other symbolism do you see in the chapters? What might it mean?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



10. How might we need to change our understanding of God and the worship of Him after reading ch 5?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.