

5. In what ways do you find yourself worshipping the wrong things?

## The God Who Makes All Things New (Part 4)

“Unlocking Genuine, Heart-felt Corporate Worship”

Revelation 4:1 – 5:14

“Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.” (Eugene Peterson)

6. How does understanding the essence of worship as it was described in the sermon help you worship with all your heart?

### Understanding the Book of Revelation

- In a time of great persecution, toward the end of the first century, the apostle John gets a vision from God and he uses the common apocalyptic imagery of that day, mixed extensively with imagery from the prophets of the Old Testament, to communicate a \_\_\_\_\_ message to his people.
- This book makes one overarching point: This present age is full of trouble for believers because we are locked in a spiritual battle with the forces of evil, but God still reigns and he \_\_\_\_\_ in the end.

7. What can you do to experience a deeper, more heart-felt experience of worship that permeates your life?

### A Glimpse of God's Throne Room in Heaven

Revelation 4:1 – 5:14

- God is sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our worship of God here on earth always joins in to the worship \_\_\_\_\_ happening in heaven.
- The scroll contains God's \_\_\_\_\_ for the redemption of humanity and the earth.
- There is only one who can accomplish the plan of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's important for John to see this diverse group worshipping and for us to be told about it because it points to our mission but also because there is \_\_\_\_\_ in diversity in worship.
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### Missional Application

God calls us to worship here on earth in anticipation of our worship of the Lamb in heaven.

### Christ Connection

When John saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll or break its seals, he wept. Then he saw the slaughtered Lamb on the throne—Jesus, the Son of God who was slain for our redemption. Jesus is the One worthy of all praise and honor and blessing.

### 3 Keys to Unlock Genuine, Heart-felt Worship

#### 1. Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship.

You can't \_\_\_\_\_ worship.

"We are not created to worship. Nor are we created for worship. We are created worshipping." (Harold Best)

Life and worship is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Garden, and there is a sense in which this is still the case for every human on earth.

Be aware of inescapability of worship so you can \_\_\_\_\_ when a false god, an idol, has gripped your life.

#### 2. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship.

When you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in something of deep interest to you, you express honor, delight, deep interest, wonder...all these things get to the essence of worship.

Think about the most \_\_\_\_\_ event or person or place you could experience in line with your deepest interests, and now you've been invited into an immersive experience of your interest...

On that throne is all that about your immersive experience and infinitely \_\_\_\_\_.

How does this inform and deepen our worship now?

- T\_\_\_\_\_ - Knowing God

Worship keys off of God's revelation of \_\_\_\_\_.

- L\_\_\_\_\_ - The drama of God's story and our story
- R\_\_\_\_\_ - Expressing and experiencing God

#### 3. Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ in worship.

#### Family Discussion Questions

These questions are based on the passage the kids studied today, Revelation 2:1-7 and 3:1-6.

1. What are some things that cause our family to move away from our "first love" (Jesus)?
2. How can we intentionally encourage each other to love Jesus above all and to keep our focus on him?

#### Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How do you usually feel when you read the book of Revelation?
3. How does keeping the historical occasion and the overall purpose of the book of Revelation help you read it with greater appreciation and understanding?
4. Read Revelation 4:1 - 5:14. What stands out to you or encourages you the most from this heavenly worship scene?