

APPLY

- When you get a revelation of God being on the throne, the unknowns, the questions, or fears of life no longer overwhelm the same way. Discuss a situation where you experienced this to be true in your own life.
 - What happened? How did Jesus change your perspective on what you were going through?
- When you hear the word “worship”, what comes to mind?
 - What role does “worshipping” the Lord through song or aloud praise have in your own life? Why do it?
- Consider the impression left by this chapter, in the context of the seven letters mini-letters to the churches. What is your response to John's description of what he sees?

DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

Journaling and Prayer

1. Make a list of 2-5 things that are causing you fear right now in your life.
2. Read verses 2-6 several times. Get a picture in your head of the scene John is painting. Then picture yourself boldly approaching the throne as Hebrews 4:16 commands us.
 - Now (eyes closed, picture firmly planted in your mind) picture yourself bringing each fear, worry, and anxiety individually to the throne, giving it to the One seated on it.
3. Ask Him to speak to you about each fear.
4. Finish by asking him to give you victory over each fear. Thank him in advance for what he is going to do.

GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to change your perspective on whatever situation you are dealing with, including even the current pandemic.



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Week 5: It's all about Perspective

Key Text: Revelation 4

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Our behaviour will always follow our perspective. The bigger we see God, the smaller our problems become. As one commentator writes, “Chapter 4 asserts the sovereign authority of the Creator God. Surrounded by the adoring and powerful four creatures and twenty-four elders, the Lord God the Almighty is holy, sovereign, and worthy of all worship.... John’s vision of God upon His throne is reminiscent of Daniel 7 and Ezekiel 1, each of which is calculated to impress the reader with the God of might and glory.” Our perspective needs to be informed by there being a throne, and that God is on it! He is in control. He is all powerful. And He is worthy.

REFLECT

- Do you see any aspects of this text that come up in other places in Revelation or other parts of the Bible, specifically, the Old Testament? What are they and how do they help John describe what he is seeing in regards to the throne?
- John is summoned by Jesus into this heavenly vision. The first thing John sees is a throne. What is the significance of a throne and why now at this place within the book?
- Beside God himself, a lot of others in this picture of God’s throne. Who or what do they represent?
- What is the overarching theme or big idea of this chapter?