



Revelation 4-5 Discussion Questions

- John's vision brings us to the throne of God at the end of history. How does our culture tend to think history will end? How does John's vision challenge the world's narrative?
- John's vision reminds us that God has no beginning or end. He is the source and the end of all things. Does that truth comfort you? Surprise you? Challenge you?
 - How apparent is this reality in your day-to-day?
- God is described as "holy, holy, holy." Why is that word repeated three times? What truth is it communicating about God?
 - What implications does this have for us?
- How do you think you'd react if you were transported to the throne of God like John? Why?
- The 24 elders cast their crowns before God—a picture of self-forgetfulness, returning their authority and blessings to Him. Why is this a suitable picture of worship?
 - What "crowns" would you cast before God if you were in His presence now?
 - How should this affect the way we see our earthly blessings and authorities?

- In chapter 5, a scroll appears with seven seals on it, representing God's plan to judge the world. Why is no one (initially) found worthy to open it?
- Who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah? What is the meaning of that name? Why is He described as both a lion and a lamb?
- The text says that He conquered. What did He conquer, and how?
 - Why is He uniquely suited to open the scroll? Why the Lamb and not the One who is seated on the throne?
 - What difference does it make that He was slain?
- This is a scene of where history is heading—the rightful worship of God and the ceasing of idolatry. How should this future reality affect our present lives? Our anxieties? Our sin struggles? Our suffering?
- The creatures in this scene are filled with awe and wonder. When was the last time you were truly in awe of who God is? How can we prepare our hearts for that final day by the way we approach Him today?
- Scripture says we will one day be like Jesus, because we will see Him as He is—face to face (1 John 3:2). Are you excited to finally see Jesus?
 - What burdens are you most excited to be free from in this world? What joys are you most looking forward to?
- What kind of people should this future hope shape us into?