

Overview:

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Welcome to THE Worship Service!

Explore:

- What do you love or hate about Airports? Would you like to visit the “Control Room”?
- Discuss the differences between the Church on Earth and the Church in Heaven/Eternity.
- Discuss the phrase “in the Spirit”. What do you think about the idea? How practical or practicable is it? Discuss Hebrews 4:16.
- Read Revelation 4:2-6 and paraphrase or discuss John’s description. Extra Credit - Review Dan 7 and Ezekiel 1 for similarities and Differences.
- Discuss first impressions of the Four Living Creatures. Discuss their behavior.
- Discuss Creation and how it might worship God.
- Twenty-four! Do they represent the People of God? Do they worship?
- Discuss the responsive Song in vs 8 and vs 11.
- What do you think about God? How powerful do you think He is? What is your opinion of God?
- Is your opinion correct? Is it adequate? How do you know?

Revelation 4:1-11 NLT Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” 2 And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. 3 The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. 4 Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. 6 In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal.

In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. 7 The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. 8 Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

9 Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), 10 the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say,

11 “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power.

For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you please”

Ephesians 1:3 NLT All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ

Colossians 3:1-3 NLT Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God

Hebrews 4:16 NLT So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most

Funny that we struggle with prayer and stillness and those two things can bring us into a very different reality.

1 John 1:5 NLT God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

Isaiah 40:22 God sits above the circle of the earth

Romans 8:20-22 NLT Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time

Application and Notes:

The END... Perspective

An Open Door (4:1-2)

A Change in Perspective

Revelation 4:1-2

“Come Up Here” “After This”

Rev 1:1

“I was in the Spirit”

Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 4:16

The Focus (4:2-6)

A Throne

Revelation 4:2-6

The Center

Brilliant Light

1 John 1:5

A Rainbow

Lightening And Thunder

A Sea of Glass

Flames and Spirits

The Four (4:6-8)

Creation - Four Living Beings

*Revelation 4:6-8; Isaiah 40:22; Romans 8:20-22
Lion, Calf - Ox, A Man, Flying eagle, Six Wings, Eyes*

The Song

The Family (4:4, 9-11)

God’s People

Revelation 4:4, 9-11

The Song