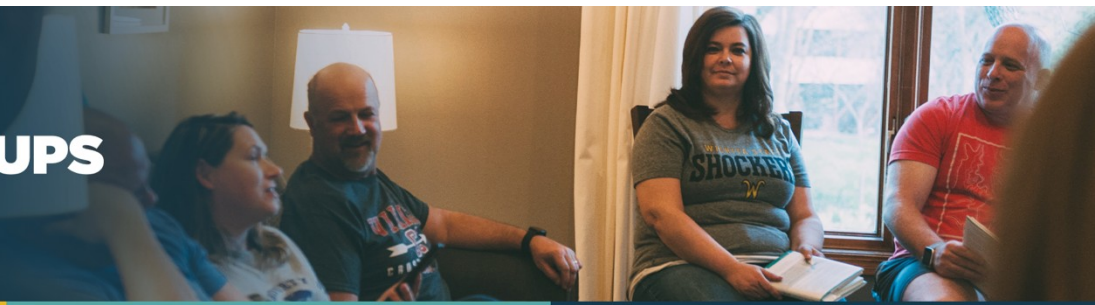




Worthy

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Gates** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **No One Like the Lord** (*Bethel*)
- **He Has Done Great Things** (*John Wilds Version*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Revelation 1:5-8
- Revelation 4:8
- Revelation 5:9-14
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 11:15-18
- Revelation 15:3-4
- Revelation 19:6-8

OPENING PRAYER

Begin by reading Revelation 15:3 together: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations."

Ice Breaker (5-10 min)

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Revelation"? Have you ever read through this book before? What was your experience?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Revelation is about hope, not fear - Written to encourage persecuted believers that God has won and will win.
2. There are layers to reality - What we see on earth is only part of the story; heavenly realities are at work.
3. Worship saturates Revelation - The book constantly interrupts its narrative with scenes of heaven worshipping Jesus.
4. Apocalyptic literature uses symbolic language - The imagery is vivid, poetic, and metaphorical, not literal descriptions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-40 min)

Understanding Revelation

1. Pastor Brian mentioned that Revelation was written to bring hope to persecuted churches. How does understanding the original context change how you read this book?
2. What does it mean that "there are layers to reality"? How might recognizing unseen spiritual realities change how we view our current circumstances?
3. The sermon explained that apocalyptic literature uses symbolic, poetic language. Why do you think God chose this style to communicate His message? What might be the advantages of symbolic imagery?

Worship in Revelation

1. Read Revelation 4:8 and 5:11-12 together. What strikes you most about the worship described in these passages?
2. The sermon outlined a pattern where worship follows judgment throughout Revelation. Why do you think worship is so central to this book about God's judgment?
3. In Revelation 5:12, the angels declare the Lamb worthy to receive "power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise." What does this list tell us about Jesus?

Personal Application

1. Cosmic War Over Worship: The sermon stated, "There is a cosmic war over what you worship." What are some things in our culture that compete for our worship and devotion?

2. Reflect honestly: What does your lifestyle (how you spend time, money, attention) reveal about what you're most passionate about? Is there an intensity to your pursuit of God?
3. Worship Moves Us Toward God: When we worship, we move toward God intellectually (to understand Him), emotionally (to desire Him), and relationally (to relate with Him). Which of these three areas feels strongest in your worship? Which needs growth?
4. Worship Empowers Perseverance: How can worship help us persevere through trials? Share a time when worship helped you get through a difficult season.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION (10 Mins)

This Week's Challenge

Choose one of the following to practice this week:

Option 1: Daily Worship Habit Set aside 10-15 minutes each day specifically for worship. Use the worship passages from Revelation (listed below) as prompts for your prayer and praise.

Option 2: Worship Audit Take inventory of what captures your attention most. Track your screen time, note what you think about during free moments, and observe where your money goes. Ask God to reveal what competes with Him for your worship.

Option 3: Worship in Trials If you're currently facing a trial, intentionally practice worship. Write out attributes of God that are true regardless of your circumstances. Declare His sovereignty over your situation.

Closing Activity (10 Mins)

Going Deeper

For Further Study

- Read Revelation chapters 4-5 this week, focusing on the throne room scene
- Compare the "Holy, holy, holy" of Revelation 4:8 with Isaiah 6:1-8. What similarities do you notice?
- Journal about this question: What would change in my daily life if I truly believed Jesus is already victorious over evil?

Recommended Resources (from sermon)

- Blog: "Getting Over My End Times Phobia"
- Blog: "How to Read the Book of Revelation"
- Book: The Heart of Revelation by J. Scott Duvall

Closing Prayer

Have someone read Revelation 5:12-13 aloud, then pray together:

"Lord Jesus, You are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. Help us to worship You with undivided hearts. In the midst of our trials and the chaos of this world, remind us that You are on Your throne. Give us eyes to see the unseen realities of Your kingdom. May our lives be a constant offering of worship to You. Amen."

Looking Ahead

Next week we'll explore Christ in His Throne Room, diving deeper into the heavenly worship scenes in Revelation 4-5.