

## Small Group Study Guide: "The Throne in Heaven" - Revelation 4:1-11

### Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer

**Icebreaker: "What's the Most Beautiful Place You've Seen?"** Ask the group:

- What's the most amazing place you've ever visited?
- Why did it stand out to you? What do you remember most about it?

(Transition: Today we're going to look at John's vision of the most glorious place of all—the throne room of God in heaven. Let's see what he saw and how it can impact us today.)

**Scripture Focus:** Read Revelation 4:1-11 together as a group.

### Discussion Questions:

#### 1. An Open Door to Heaven:

- What did John see when the door to heaven opened (verse 1)?
- Who was speaking to him like a trumpet, and what did He say?
- What does this tell us about who is in control of what will happen in the future?

#### 2. God on the Throne:

- How does John describe the one sitting on the throne (verse 2-3)?
- What do the jasper, carnelian, and emerald rainbow tell us about God's character?
- How does this picture help you think about God differently?

#### 3. The 24 Elders and the Throne Room:

- What do we learn about the 24 elders around God's throne (verse 4)?
- What might the white robes and golden crowns represent?
- How does their presence encourage you as someone who follows Jesus?

#### 4. Power and Glory in God's Presence:

- What else does John see around the throne (verse 5-6)?

- What do the lightning, thunder, and the sea of glass show us about God's power and peace?
- How do these images remind you that God is in control?

#### **5. The Four Living Creatures:**

- What are the four living creatures like (verses 6-8)?
- What do they say again and again, and why is this important?
- How does their constant worship help us understand who God is?

#### **6. Worship in Heaven:**

- What do the 24 elders do when the creatures worship (verses 9-10)?
- Why do they cast their crowns before God?
- What does verse 11 tell us about why God deserves our worship?

### **Suggested Application:**

#### **1. Personal Reflection:**

- Think about how you view God. Do you see Him as holy, powerful, and worthy of all worship?
- What helps you focus on God's greatness in your daily life?

#### **2. Commit to Worship:**

- Take time this week to worship God for who He is. Use music, prayer, or journaling to express your love and praise.

#### **3. Encouraging Others:**

- Share something you learned about God's throne with a friend or family member. Encourage them to think about who God is.

#### 4. **Live with God in Mind:**

- Let the vision of God on His throne shape the way you respond to stress or uncertainty. Remember: God is in control!

**Closing Prayer:** Invite someone to pray, thanking God for revealing His glory to us through the Bible and asking Him to help us live with our eyes fixed on Him.

#### **Optional Worship Song Suggestion:**

- "Revelation Song" – A powerful reminder of the glory of God and the worship that happens in heaven.