

# Small Group Study Guide: “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Revelation 4:1–11

## Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer

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### Icebreaker:

#### “What’s One Word You Would Use to Describe God?”

Ask the group:

- What’s a word or image that comes to mind when you think about God?
- Why did you choose that word or image?

(Transition: Today, we’ll look again at John’s heavenly vision—specifically focusing on the worship around God’s throne—and how it challenges and inspires our own view of who God is.)

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### Scripture Focus:

Read **Revelation 4:1–11** together as a group.

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### Discussion Questions:

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#### Seeing the Throne Again

- What stands out to you most in this second look at God’s throne room?
- Why might John have described the scene using gemstones, thunder, and flashes of lightning?
- How does this remind you of God’s glory and majesty?

2.

#### The Four Living Creatures

- What are the four living creatures like (verses 6–8)?
- Where else in the Bible do we see similar beings (Ezekiel 1 and 10, Isaiah 6)?

- How do the faces (lion, ox, man, eagle) help us think about God's rule over all creation?

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### **What Does "Holy, Holy, Holy" Mean?**

- Why is the word "holy" repeated three times?
- What other threefold descriptions are found in verse 8? (Lord – God – Almighty; Was – Is – Is to Come)
- What do these declarations teach us about God's nature?

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### **The Response of the Elders**

- How do the 24 elders respond to the worship of the four living creatures (verses 9–10)?
- What might casting their crowns represent? What kind of crowns are they (stephanos)?
- How does this encourage us to worship humbly?

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### **Heavenly Worship and Earthly Praise**

- Verse 11 gives the reason for God's worthiness. What is it?
- What does it mean to say that all things were created "by His will"?
- If heaven praises God endlessly, how should that impact our daily lives?

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## **Suggested Application:**

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### **Personal Reflection**

- Do I see God as holy, sovereign, and eternal?
- What keeps me from worshiping God with my whole heart?
- In what ways might I be giving God my leftovers instead of my best?

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### **Commit to Worship**

- Set aside time this week for focused praise. Use Scripture, music, or journaling to express God's holiness and worth.

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### **Encouraging Others**

- Share the idea of God's throne room with someone who may need encouragement.
- Ask them how they picture God—and share how John described Him.

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### **Live with Worship in Mind**

- Let the vision of worship in heaven remind you that God deserves your honor, now and always.
- Ask yourself daily: Is my life giving God glory?

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### **Closing Prayer:**

Invite someone to pray—thanking God for His holiness, power, and eternal nature. Ask the Spirit to help the group live with reverent hearts that reflect heaven's worship.

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

- **"Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea)"** – A classic hymn that echoes the cry of the living creatures in Revelation.
  - **"Revelation Song"** – A powerful modern expression of heaven's worship.
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