Sermon Study | 6 Words that Can Change Your Life Wow | Revelation 4 September 1, 2019

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

Tuning in to the "wow" that's already in our hearts can genuinely bring about real change to our lives. In Revelation 4, John has done his best to describe for us a worship experience, what it looks and feels like to enter into the presence of God--a true "wow" experience. Our lives can change when we learn to worship God not for what we see, but for who He is. When you can't work or worry your way through a difficult season, you can worship through it.

Warm-up question: Describe the coolest concert or sporting event you've ever been part of.

Read Revelation 4:1-6. Spend some time reading these verses together as a group, maybe read them out loud in a few different versions. Or print off the Scripture and take time to underline and circle certain repeated words or things that stand out to you. Emphasize the majesty and splendor of this heavenly throne room.

- Count the number of times the word throne or thrones is used in these six verses. Who is on the throne when John enters through the door into heaven? What is the object of your worship? Where do you spend your money, time, or energy? In what settings are you most animated?
- Aaron mentioned thrones are reserved for Kings who rule a nation, Judges who render a verdict, Warriors
 who conquer an enemy, and Priests who mediate between God and men. How is Jesus at work in one or
 more of these areas in your life today?

Read Revelation 4:7-11. Here we see a giant worship scene, worshiping the One who sits on the throne, in response to the character and holiness of God. The living creatures are leading worship.

- Describe the living creatures. What are they saying and why?
- What happens when they worship (vs. 9-10)? What do the elders say that is different and similar to what the living creatures say?
- Why do you worship God? Is your worship more about who God is or about what He's done for you?
 What does your worship look like on a daily basis? On a Sunday at church?

Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. There is nothing else in this life that will carry you through every season you will face like worship will. When you can't work or worry your way through a difficult season, you can worship through it. When you enter the throne room of God to worship, He meets you and gives you strength to scale whatever mountain you are facing today

What difficulty are you facing that you need to worship through?

Reflect:

- What is God saying to you through His word?
- How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Revelation 4:1-2 | The throne in heaven.

Day Two: Revelation 4:3, 5-6 | God of color.

Day Three: Revelation 4:10-11 | Worship Service.

Day Four: Psalm 34:1-3 | We were made to worship.

Day Five: Habakkuk 3:17-19 | Worship through the difficulty.