

Dig Deeper @Home – “Ears that Hear”

Complement to sermon on September 3, 2017, “Coming before the Throne”

MEMORIZE – Revelation 22:7

And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book

READ Revelation 4

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. The word “throne” appears thirteen times in Revelation 4. How does John describe the “throne” that God is seated on? Try to draw a picture in your mind or on paper what this throne may look like.
4. Look up the following verses that further describe God’s “throne”. (Psalm 103:19, Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 93:2, Psalm 45:6-7, Hebrews 4:16) What words describe the “throne of God” in these verses? Which of these verses and description of God’s throne has a special meaning to you personally?
5. The twenty-four elders are described in (vs 4) “casting their crowns before the throne.” What do the following scriptures say about the “crowns” we will receive as believers?
 - 1 Corinthians 9:15
 - 2 Timothy 4:8
 - James 1:12
 - 1 Peter 5:4
6. Revelation 7:9-17 further describes the great multitudes of people worshipping around the throne. What kind of activity is taking place around the throne of God? (vs.15) What work is the Lamb and God doing for the people. (vs. 17)

Bottom Line – Summarize Revelation 4 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Revelation 4.

Drawn to the Throne

Sometimes it is helpful to visualize or to draw on paper what is happening in scripture. Get a large piece of newsprint or construction paper. Place it on the floor or on the table. Gather around the paper and have someone read Revelation 4. With colored markers or pencils begin to sketch on paper what is being described in this scene. Take turns drawing some aspect of the scene. If necessary, have a dictionary handy to look up words that are unfamiliar. Have someone read the passage a second time and then add to the picture other details. When finished, talk together about the significance of this scene.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Revelation Song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-zk-E55dRk>

The words of this song are taken directly from Revelation 4. Come before the throne of God in worship.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty – Mennonite Hymnal #5

This great hymn of our faith speaks to the greatness and worthiness of God to be worshipped and blessed by our words and work.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, you are holy and worthy of our praise. As we go this week, help us to accept your invitation to enter your throne room through the blood of Jesus. May we worship you with all our hearts and trust our lives to you. In Jesus name. Amen.