

Revelation 4 – Encountering God in Lockdown



Sam looked at the next part of John's vision in Revelation 4. He started by asking 'have you ever had an experience that has really changed you?'. In Revelation 4, John has a powerful encounter with God – he gets a glimpse of the throne room of heaven, where God is seated. But the vision isn't just for John, it's an invitation to each of us to meet with God.

Sam pointed out three characteristics of God which John saw in his vision:

1. The God who is unfathomable
2. The God who is creator
3. The God who is above all

Sam finished by encouraging us that God is near to each of us and is inviting us to enter his presence, whoever we are and wherever we're at.

Questions

1. Share an example of an experience in your life, big or small, which God used to change you.
2. Read Revelation 4 together.
3. In what ways do you see from the passage that God is:
 - a) Unfathomable
 - b) Creator
 - c) Above all
4. When we see these characteristics of God, how do they affect how we relate to Him?
5. Sam shared three different ways people might be feeling in lockdown, with an encouragement for each group:
 - For people who are feeling dry/lonely/distant from God - we have an invitation to enter the presence of God just as we are
 - For people who feel like they don't have faith – in the same way Jesus met his disciples and brought peace to them when they were hiding and scared after his death, Jesus can meet you
 - For people who are feeling bound/trapped – when Paul and Silas were in prison, they sang praises to God and their chains were broken. As you worship God, he can bring you freedom

Do any of these apply to you? Pray for each other.