



THE THRONE & THE STORM

INTRO

Share a place you visit where you experience God’s “holiness” or presence.

READ

Revelation 4-5

DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Mike used three metaphors to frame the message: diving into the deep end, putting on glasses to see clearly, and attending a war council. Which metaphor resonates most with you, and why? How does understanding Revelation 4-5 as a "war council" change your perspective on current struggles?

2. The sermon emphasizes that there's no suspense about who wins—God is almighty. How does this truth bring comfort when you're facing personal battles or when the world feels chaotic and broken? Why do you think the early Christians needed to hear this message?

3. Revelation 5:9-10 describes people "from every tribe and language and people and nation" united in God's kingdom. Why is this diversity so central to God's plan? How should this vision shape the way we build community in our church and engage with people different from us?

4. Pastor Mike points out that we were promised a Lion but got a Lamb—one that looks slain. Why is sacrificial love more powerful than raw strength? How does this challenge our culture's understanding of power and leadership? Where in your life do you need to embrace "Team Lamb" rather than "Team Lion"?

5. The passage says we're made to be "a kingdom and priests to serve our God." What does it mean to mediate God into this world through your words and actions? Where is God calling you to reveal Him—in your workplace, neighborhood, or relationships?

6. Pastor Mike mentioned Alpha as a practical way to invite others into this story. Who in your life needs to hear about the Lamb who was slain? What holds you back from inviting them into a conversation about faith, and how can this vision of heaven's worship inspire you to reach out?

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