

Expect The Kingdom | Revelation 11:15 & 21:1-5

- 1. Share places of power you have visited. What did they show you about human power and authority? On Sunday Duncan looked at the Throne room of the Kingdom in 3 scenes from the Book of Revelation.
- 2. Read Revelation 4 1-11. Firstly, try not to decode every part of the throne room of God but just imagine what can be seen and heard. Use your "minds eye" and describe what you can see.
- 3. How do you think this scene would encourage world-weary believers in John's time who are under persecution? How does this scene encourage you?
- 4. How does the image of a Lamb slain reveal an alternative Kingdom to the Kingdoms of the World?
- 5. John hears a Trumpet proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom and a Choir singing. Listen to a version of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah to hear Revelation 11:15 sung to you.
- 6. How do you live with the reality of the Kingdom of God being present now but not yet in its fullest extent? Is this an encouragement to you? Why or Why not? How could this have helped John who has been banished for his faith to the Island of Patmos?
- 7. God declares from the throne that all things will be made new. Like Scene 1 this scene is meant to be imagined in your mind's eye. Read Revelation 21:1-5
- 8. What aspects of the "old order" must be eliminated before God can fully dwell with his people? Why is there no more sea? What does this represent?
- 9. What stands out to you about the new earth? What are you looking forward to?
- 10. Why do you think the image of a city is used in this scene? What is helpful and what is not helpful about thinking of the city image?
- 11. As you review what you have learned about the Kingdom spend time praying for the kingdoms of the world and then asking God for "Your Kingdom to come and your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven"



What did you discover about God in this passage? What did you discover about people in this passage? How will you commit to obey this passage this week? With whom will you share what you have learned?

