

## Going deeper

Revelation is a book full of powerful imagery that is written to encourage Christians to stand firm in their faith despite the threats from the authorities. At the start of the main round of visions in the book, John is shown the scene of God's throne room. A lot of the imagery refers to different parts of the Old Testament. Together they form an awesome scene of praise to God.

### Read Revelation 4:6-11

4. How does Psalm 65:7-8 help us understand the meaning of the 'sea of glass' in Revelation 4:6?
5. Compare Revelation 4:6b-8 with Isaiah 6:1-4. What are the similarities? How does the vision in Revelation expand on Isaiah's vision?
6. What are the living creatures said to be doing? (vs. 9) How do the actions of the 24 elders show they are joining in with this?
7. What reasons are given for God being worthy of praise?
8. What is the overall impression that this passage gives? How would it encourage isolated and persecuted Christians?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***

# GROWTH TEAMS



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

## Growth Team News

In many ways Sunday services are not enough to support us in our Christian life. We all need the mutual support of a smaller group of closer Christians. Growth Teams are a great place to find that. If you are not a member then please do consider giving one a go.

If there is not one at a time you can make or you are not sure about the Christian faith and want to look at the basics, then do consider joining one of our new Explore Teams starting **this week**.



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Are you a thankful person?

*Psalm 65 (page 580)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

### Children's Talk:

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### Adult Talk:

• What is \_\_\_\_\_?

• Praise says: \_\_\_\_\_

### We become:

○ God- \_\_\_\_\_

○ God- \_\_\_\_\_

### Starter question

❖ How do you feel when people thank you?

### Responding to the talk

1. If you had to sum up the lesson of this week's talk in up to 6 words what would you say?
2. Read Psalm 65:1-4
  - a. What does the Psalm suggest God deserves? (cf. Ps. 61:8; 56:12; 66:13-14)
  - b. What do these verses say God has done for his people?
  - c. Zion is an Old Testament name for Jerusalem, where the temple was. How do we apply this idea now? (cf. 1 Pet. 2:4-5)
3. Read Psalm 65:5-8
  - a. How does the Psalmist illustrate God's awesome power?
  - b. Read Mark 4:35-41. What does this miracle show about Jesus?
  - c. Why is God's power, which is illustrated here, a reason for the ends of the earth to rejoice?
4. Read Psalm 65:9-13
  - a. What part is God said to play in the production of the crops?
  - b. How do these verses underline God's generous provision?
  - c. How do these verses encourage us to see that God is worthy of praise?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

9. How as Christians can we develop a greater sense of praise and thanksgiving towards God?
10. Have a go at writing a hymn of praise to God, perhaps using some of the ideas and words from what you have read.