

**WORTHY** Revelation 4:9–11

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### CONNECT

1. What is the greatest worship service you've ever participated in? What made it so powerful?

### CELEBRATE

2. How does Revelation 4:9–11 connect with Jesus' great command to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37)?
3. Revelation does not identify the 24 elders, but there are a few clues to their identities. Read Matthew 19:28 and Revelation 21:12–14. Who do you think they are? Why might John not care about identifying them in the midst of the activity of Revelation 4 & 5?
4. Stand up and read Revelation 4:11 out loud, as boldly as you can. Who are you focusing on with these words? This is the song the 24 elders are so eager to sing. What does it signify about them that this song is the outflow of their hearts?
5. Read Revelation 4:11. Why is God worthy of worship? What creates the desire for worship in a person's heart? How can reflecting on God's awesome ability to create and the beautiful things He has created inspire us to worship?
6. Where is Jesus in this scene of worship? How do you know for certain? See Colossians 1:15–17, John 1:1–3.
7. What does it mean to cast your crown at someone's feet (Revelation 4:10)? What are they signifying by doing so? What emotion do you imagine they were feeling as they did?

### CONTRIBUTE

8. If everyone in the church had the same heart as the 24 elders, how would it change our gatherings? How would it change our communities? How can we encourage each other toward this?
9. God created all things, delighted in them being "very good" and entrusted humanity with their care (Revelation 4:11, Genesis 1–2). In light of this, discuss a few things that you can do as a group to steward God's creation. How is doing so an act of worship? As you discuss, consider not only the plant and animal world, but also the pinnacle of creation—humanity, every person created in God's image. How can places like the Robbinsdale Women's Center help you care for creation?