

"Worship." What comes to mind when you hear that word? We'll explore worship throughout this month and one of the first things we need to get straight in our minds is WHO we ought to worship.

- <u>Idols</u> aren't worthy of our worship.
 "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." (Matt 4:10)
- Other <u>people</u> aren't worthy of our worship.
 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you..." (Acts 14:8-15)
- Angels aren't worthy of our worship.
 "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you... Worship God." (Rev 22:8-9)

Revelation 4 helps us see the **WHO** answer clearly. Listen to what is continually said in heaven:

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God <u>Almighty</u>, who <u>was</u> and <u>is</u> and is to <u>come</u>!" (4:8)

In Revelation 4:11, worshipful language continues. It's helpful to think of worship in terms of worth. Worship is acknowledging the <u>worthship</u> of God.

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you <u>created</u> all things,
and by your <u>will</u> they existed and were created."

We'll return throughout the month to **Hebrews 12:28**: ...and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,

with reverence and awe...

God alone is worthy of our worship and we want to learn how to worship him acceptably. That's what this month is all about. Let's build together!

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why aren't idols worthy of our worship?
- Why aren't other people worthy of our worship?
- Can you think of some instance when you might ask someone, "Was it worth it?" When might you ask, "Is he worthy?" "Is she worthy?" What do we mean when we ask questions like that?
- What do we find in the Bible that would lead us to believe that God is worthy of our worship?
- Taking the time to slowly read Revelation 4 is a great exercise. Let's read that together. What stands out to you? What do we see about God and his worthiness?
- Hebrews 12:28 called us to offer acceptable worship "with reverence and awe"? What do those words mean?
- Why do we need consistent reminders that God is the only One worthy of our worship?