Reflection and Discussion Guide
The View from the Throne - Text: Revelation 4:1-11 & Matthew 6:25-33 – February 1, 2026

Part 1: Discovery & Observation
Immersing ourselves in the "mashup" of heavenly imagery.

- **Sensory Overload:** List the colors, sounds, and physical sensations John describes in Revelation 4. Why do you think the text uses a "collage" of images (thunder, precious stones, rainbow, glass sea) rather than a simple physical description?
- **The Central Constant:** Amidst the lightning, the flying creatures, and the falling elders, what remains fixed and unmoving at the center?
- **The Big "Why"**: According to verse 11, what is the fundamental reason God is worthy of all glory and honor? Do you tend to stress more what He does for us or who He is in himself?

Part 2: Interpretation
Connecting the "Throne Room" to our scientific and cosmic reality.

- **Crust vs. Core**: The mini-message used the analogy of the Earth's crust (less than 1% of its vol.) floating on a massive, 5000°C liquid layer. How does this help us understand the "gap between our perception and reality"? How often do we mistake our "thin crust" experiences for the whole story?
- **Scale vs. Significance:** We live in a universe with approximately 2 trillion galaxies. How does the Gandalf's perspective (being a "little fellow in a wide world") sit side by side with the the biblical claim that the Creator knows your name and cares for you?

Part 3: Application
Bringing the "Throne Room" perspective into our week.

- **Tending the Fire:** while we "fuel" the fire of the church or our lives, we don't create the fire—God does. In what area of your life are you acting like the source of the fire rather than the tender of it?
- **Surrendering the Starring Role**: If God is the true "central character" of the story, what pressure does that take off your shoulders today?
- **The Logic of Care:** Jesus points to birds and flowers to prove God's care. If the God of Revelation 4 is "worthy to receive glory because He created all things," what does it mean to you that this same Creator is cares for you? (See Matt 6:26)
- **Providence vs. Plans**: The sermon defined the providence as God "directing, regulating, and governing every creature." What is one way you can look back and see how God has guided you and provided for you, and how might that encourage you to "seek first his kingdom" as he commands in Matthew 6:33?
- **Special Care**: we mentioned that God "in a very special way takes care of His church." How does knowing that the "fire" of the community is maintained by God change how you handle "closed doors" or canceled plans? And lead us to prioritizing "being" the church, not just going "to" one?

Some song ideas for signing, listening, reflecting:
Jesus be the center
Worthy of it All
Holy Holy Holy
I see the birds

[i] Much of this is from New City Catechism question 2
[ii] WCF 5.1
[iii] WCF 5.7