



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Summer Series 24: Something True About God & Celebration Sunday

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-20; Exodus 4:1-2; Acts 4:13; Acts 17:6

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1. If you were to describe yourself to someone, how would you do so? How would others describe you (i.e. friends, family, coworkers, neighbors)?
2. What changes have you noticed in yourself over the decades? What has influenced the differences in your personality and character?
3. A.W. Tozer says, "A man is the sum of his parts and his character the sum of the traits that compose it...Human character is not constant because the traits or qualities that constitute it are unstable. These come and go, burn low or glow with great intensity throughout our lives. Thus a man who is kind and considerate at thirty may be cruel or churlish at fifty." Does this quote cause you to reconsider your previous answers? Why or why not?
4. As A.W. Tozer describes the attributes of God, he says, "All of God does all that God does. He does not divide Himself to perform a work, but works in the total unity of His being. An attribute, then, is a part of God. It is how God is." How do the attributes that you and I have compare to God? Why is it necessary for us to understand the difference?
5. As he prepares to discuss each attribute further, A.W. Tozer shares an incredible thought. "Love, for instance, is not something God has and which may grow or diminish or cease to be. His love is the way God is, and when He loves He is simply being Himself." When God loves, He is simply being Himself. Have you ever considered God's love in this way?
6. Something true about God is found in His promise to Peter in Matthew 16:13-20. Let's read this passage together. How does this promise remain for the global Church and Harbor Trinity Church?
7. The confession of Jesus as, "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16) has been the rock that has built the Church for nearly 2,000 years. Despite the innumerable difficulties, "the gates of hell [have] not prevailed against it" (Matthew 16:18). What do these statements mean for the Church, but more specifically our church, today?
8. When God called Moses to return to Egypt, God asked Moses, "What is that in your hand?" (Exodus 4:2) What Moses had was enough for God to use him and for the people to believe and listen to his voice (Exodus 4:1). What do you have in your hands? How can God use you?
9. The disciples were described as "uneducated, common men...that had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13) who "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Let's pray that God would do the same through us.