



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Summer Series 24: The Divine Transcendence

**Scripture:** Isaiah 57:14-19; Philippians 2:6-11

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1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “high”?
2. What is the highest place you have visited and stood upon? How did your perspective change from being on the top looking down versus being on the ground looking up?
3. Have you considered the difference between God’s preeminence (biggest of all, surpassing all others) and His transcendence (existing apart from and not subject to limitations of the material universe)?
4. When we think of God as “high and lifted up” (Isaiah 57:15), we often think vertically. How does this verse, which speaks of God’s transcendence, change for you when it is not in reference to height or size?
5. A.W. Tozer uses the analogy of a child lost following a walk in the woods. The woods have not changed, but our perspective of the woods have changed when we are looking for something so small in comparison. How does this apply to your understanding of God this week? In the weeks of our Summer Series?
6. Let’s take a moment to read Isaiah 57:14-19. As we have spent time speaking to God’s transcendence, how does this influence what we see of God’s response to humanity in verses 16-19?
7. The Christ Hymn (Philippians 2:1-10) reveals the same character of God we have read in Isaiah 57. Let’s read this section together. How does Jesus reveal what Isaiah 57 has shared about the character of God?
8. Think of someone you know who is “high and lifted up,” whether by our culture or their position. How does God, who is “so much greater,” and His response differ from them?
9. God says in Isaiah 57:14, “Build up, build, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.” Are there things in your life that are obstructing you and your relationship with God? What needs to be removed and why?
10. As we close, let’s take time to pray over each of these areas and our relationship with God. Romans 10:36 says, “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To be him be glory forever. Amen.”