

CARINGBAH BAPTIST CHURCH

A stained glass artwork featuring a central tree with a yellow trunk and branches, set against a background of red and orange geometric shapes. A yellow path leads from the bottom towards the tree. The entire artwork is composed of various colored triangles and polygons separated by black lines.

# HOLIER THAN THOU

Life Groups Study Guide

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## WEEK ONE: GOD'S TRANSCENDANCE AND IMMANENCE

1. A.W TOZER WROTE IN HIS BOOK *THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY*: "WHAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GOD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT YOU".  
WHAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GOD AND WHY DO YOU THINK IT DEFINES YOU?
2. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A TANGIBLE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE?
3. READ EXODUS 3:1-14  
THIS IS MOSES' FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY PRESENCE OF GOD, LIKE STEPPING INTO THE FIRST EVER CATHEDRAL. WHAT CAN YOU SEE IN THE STORY THAT REVEALS GOD'S HOLINESS?
4. AS *THE BURNING BUSH*, GOD DREW MOSES IN TO HIS PRESENCE IN THE MIDST OF VERY ORDINARY LIFE. HE THEN REPEATED HIS NAME "MOSES, MOSES" (A SIGN OF AFFECTION), YET ALSO FORBADE HIM FROM COMING CLOSE. WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT HOW GOD REACHES OUT TO US AND HOW HE EXPECTS US TO RELATE TO HIM?
5. WHEN GOD GAVE MOSES HIS NAME "I AM WHO I AM" (YAWEH), THIS WAS MEANT TO CONVEY HIS:
  - IMMUTABILITY (HE NEVER CHANGES)
  - OMNIPOTENCE (HE IS ALL-POWERFUL)
  - IMMANENCE (HE IS CLOSE)
  - HIS TRANSCENDANCE (HE IS HIGH ABOVE)

HOW DO THESE QUALITIES OF GOD CONTRAST TO OUR LIMITED QUALITIES AS HUMAN BEINGS?