

Awaken to a Big God

Awakening Series

Discussion Questions

Fishermen who want to make their fish look larger will extend their arms to get the fish “closer to the lens.” What happens to our view of God when we see put ourselves “too close to the lens” in our view of the world?

For many, our challenge is not rejecting God, but reducing God. Discuss ways that we reduce God to a smaller version of God.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.

- Does this passage speak of seeing God one time or seeing God continually? Why does the answer matter?
- What happens in this passage to people who are “beholding the glory of the Lord?”
- Can you recall the principle stated in the message based on this passage?

Read the following quote from AW Tozer in Knowledge of the Holy. Why does our view of God matter according to Tozer?

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us ...we tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.

Read Isaiah 6:1-4.

- How does Isaiah describe his vision of God?
- Why does it matter that God is seated on a throne? ...that God’s train fills the temple?
- The seraphim are crying out, Holy, Holy, Holy. Why do they say the word three times?
- Why do you think the seraphim cried, “Holy, Holy, Holy” instead of crying out some other attribute of God? (A.W. Tozer says that God has made holiness the moral condition necessary for the health of the universe, while evil is the moral sickness of the universe. Where there is evil, there is brokenness. Without holiness, life does not work. (Knowledge of the Holy, pg 166))

Read Isaiah 6:5-8.

- How does this passage illustrate the principle, “What we behold, we become”?
- Why is Isaiah’s realization of his sinfulness important?
- How is the “burning coal” taken from the altar related to Jesus and the cross?
- How else did Isaiah respond to his vision of God (v 8)? What does that mean for us?

Can you fill in the following blanks? In the message, the pastor said, when we see God for who he is, we develop a longing for _____ (v 5) and we develop a longing for _____ (v 8).

In the message, the pastor said that in order to “behold the glory of the Lord,” we need to change the way we read our Bible? How are we to change the way we read our Bible? Why does it matter?

How does the Growth Grid help us see God for who he really is? (identities)