

Read Isaiah 6:1-7

Try to imagine what this experience was like for Isaiah. What would you have found most intense or overwhelming?

In v3 the seraphim call out “holy, holy, holy.” The best word to describe God’s holiness is not “greater” but “other.” What does this mean and how does the word “other” describe God?

How can we conceive of a God who is ultimately inconceivable?

How have we tended to trivialise God in our lives and within Christian culture?

How can we recover an awareness and appreciation of God’s holiness?

Read v5. What is Isaiah’s response to the holiness of God? Why is this appropriate?

How can we have a healthy awareness of our own sinfulness without drifting into self-pity?

Read v6. What aspect of God’s nature does this verse reveal?

How does this verse point us toward the grace found in Jesus?

Read and discuss this quote by Ravi Zacharias: *“When God is our Holy Father, sovereignty, holiness, omniscience, and immutability do not terrify us; they leave us full of awe and gratitude. Sovereignty is only tyrannical if it is unbounded by goodness; holiness is only terrifying if it is untempered by grace; omniscience is only taunting if it is unaccompanied by mercy; and immutability is only torturous if there is no guarantee of goodwill.”*

How can we hold both God’s grace and God’s holiness together in the way we relate to Him?

What steps could we take to worship God with greater reverence and awe?