



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Part 1 - Transcendence

Our passage this week was at the conclusion of Paul's letter to Timothy.

READ: 1 Timothy 6:11-16. Let's begin by marking up our bibles. Underline the 3 commands from **verse 11-12**. Circle the repetition "good confession" from **verses 12, 14**. Finally, put a brackets around **verses 13-16** with the title "Transcendence".

Of all the corollary attributes of transcendence found in **verses 13-16** which one stands out to you as the most meaningful - and why? [**Providence, Timelessness, Sovereignty, Simplicity, Immortality, Unapproachability, Incomprehensibility**]

Which of these attributes seems the most confusing and hard to understand? Why does Paul ground his command (**vs 14**) in God's nature as transcendent?

Our definition for transcendence is that "God exists beyond, distinct from, and in all surpassing greatness from the creation." There was one line from our text that Pastor Ryan didn't have time to expand upon. Look again as the very first descriptor for God when Paul begin expounding upon His transcendence from **verse 13**. What is it? How does Paul describe God?

For a deeper inspection at this prime characteristic of transcendence, namely **CREATOR**, let's turn to and **READ Isaiah 40:6-31**. Notice the title of "Sovereign Lord" from **verse 10** and how Isaiah balances the transcendence of God's power with the immanence of His gentle shepherding arms from **verse 11**. Let's walk through the passage: (you could assign these verse to each person in the LifeGroup) --- What does **verse 12** teach us about God's immensity? What does **verse 13** teach us about His intelligence? What does **verse 14** teach us about His independence? What do **verses 15-17** teach us about His power over the nations? What do **verses 18-20** teach us about his power over idols? What do **verses 21-24** teach us about His power over all peoples? What do **verses 25-26** teach us about his power over all creation? What do **verses 27-31** teach us about His strength?

Go around and after giving some thought to a personal answer, share how you would finish this sentence: "Because my God is transcendent I know..." [share how you hope in God, share how you find strength in Him, share how this will give you confidence in this week]