

# A God Worth Worshipping

## Worshipping Nomads

### Types of Churches

- Mega Church - easy to slip into and out of – come and go like a ghost
- Small Church – Intrapersonal everyone knows if you are there or not.
- Warehouse Church – Can seem scripted
- Mainline Churches – lyrical -scant engagement with the scripture. Like being at a civic club meeting.
- Community Churches – Feel Good – Self Help
- Still a growing uneasiness, spiritual dissatisfaction. WHY ?
  - No sense of the sacred, of the God's Holiness.

## Close Encounters

- Many characters in the Bible, how does the author describe their encounter with God? (pg. 28)
- How does this differ from popular descriptions?
- If we hope to trade the shallows for the deep, we must rediscover the holiness of God.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

- Isaiah 6
- Seraphim radiated celestial light, not only heralds of God's holiness put also agents of purification.
- A powerful experience - *mysterium tremendum*

## A God Worth Worshiping

### Long Altitude

- Why is understanding God's Identity most important?
- What is the problem with creating an impersonal God?
  - *We don't recognize a god not worth praying to.*
  - *Is God's name really Howard?*
- A study of modern worship
  - Our Music
  - Our language - a casual view of Jesus
  - What is missing or "*out of balance*" with only referring to the intimacy of Jesus (pg. 36)

### God Strange Again

- Have we met those who seem to have God all figured out?
  - Have what they need from their God relationship and do not need to know more?
- Have we ever experienced *vertigo or holy disorientation* with God?
  - Share an example.
- How does the bible make God Strange?
  - How does the Bible lift God out?
  - What are the benefits to the worshiper for making God strange? (*last paragraph pg. 39*)

**Benediction:** Philippians 4:4-7