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During the time of Isaiah – 740-680 BC Near threat of <u>Assyria</u> Far threat of <u>Babylon</u>

In the Prophets, in the captivities, God was there.

God is near Near <u>where</u> you are. Near <u>who</u> you are.

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MY APPLICATION

The following questions this week reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

- We reviewed this week that God is transcendent. The most simple way to define that is that He is above all things. Does that truth comfort you or challenge you? In what ways does it do that?
- We also reviewed that God is immanent. The most simple way to define that is that He is near all things. Does that truth comfort you or challenge you? In what ways does it do that?
- 3. In the birth of Jesus, Matthew remembered a quote from Isaiah. God called Himself Immanuel. A God who is with us. Do you tend to remember most often that God is high above all things, or do you tend to remember most often that God is near us in all things? The Bible does teach both sides of this coin. How is it good to balance our view of God? What good things come from His greatness? What good things come from His nearness?

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)