

Discussion Questions & Isaiah Study

Isaiah 6:1-13

Not being able to see you face to face this week to discuss these questions, I encourage you to call, email, or text me with your questions about the message or about Isaiah 6. You can even message me via Facebook It's different, I know but still a way for us to interact in our present circumstances. I thank the Lord for these new forms of communication!

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SERMON?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & STUDY:

1. Why did Uzziah's death affect Isaiah so deeply? How as the death of a national leader affected you or what have you observed of its effect on a nation?
2. How does God's sovereignty over the universe give us confidence, even in time of political, economical, societal instability (like when godly King Uzziah died)?
3. What is the significance of the fact that the seraphim are sinless yet they still covered their faces before Jesus?
4. What does *holy* mean? Why do the seraphim say it three times? Why would you say that holiness is the most important attribute of God for us sinners to embrace?
5. What effect did this awesome heavenly scene have on Isaiah? How should a proper contemplation of the holiness of the Lord result in a humble awareness of our sinfulness? Why is such an ongoing awareness both reasonable and necessary to our full and final salvation from sin?
6. How is your experience of God like Isaiah's: Awestruck? Guilt-ridden? Cleansed? Are you willing to serve anywhere, anytime?
7. Which attributes of God most impress/ed you?
8. Why was Isaiah's message rejected?
9. How does Isaiah's day compare to our own?
10. Do you find the message of vv. 9-10 difficult to swallow? How can we understand the intentions of God in purposefully hardening hearts and blinding eyes against spiritual truth? How does that message related to Christ's use of parables and the explanation for why the Jews could not believe in Jesus despite his miracles (Jn 12:39-41)? How does it related to Romans 9:18?

LOOKING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

1. What might Isaiah have prayed before the vision?

- a. I'm helpless
- b. I'm frustrated
- c. I'm lonely
- d. the burden is too great

2. What do you think might have been Isaiah's initial response as the vision began to unfold?

- a. awe
- b. fear
- c. guilt
- d. motivation

3. What did Isaiah mean when he said: "My lips are unclean and I live among a people of unclean lips?"

- a. there is a problem with my speech
- b. there is a problem with my heart
- c. I'm just like the others
- d. God knows everything!

4. How do you think Isaiah felt after the burning coal experience?

- a. confused
- b. encouraged
- c. free
- d. equipped
- e. charged

5. Why was Isaiah sent to people who didn't see, hear, or understand?

- a. to warn them
- b. to open eyes, ears, and hearts
- c. to contrast God's will and people's sin
- d. to test Isaiah's commitment

6. What hope is found in the "stump" (v. 13)?

- a. God is at work
- b. relationship will be restored
- c. Jesus will come
- d. God works through the faithful
- e. God separates evil from good
- f. a new beginning

MY OWN STORY

1. If I were Isaiah, the sense of _____ would be the first to get my attention.

- a. sight
- b. smell
- c. hearing
- d. feeling
- e. taste

2. The angel who brought the "burning coal" to me was:

- a. a family member
- b. a friend
- c. a stranger
- d. church worker
- e. I'm still waiting for my angel

3. If I've had one experience where I could say "My eyes have seen the king" it would be:

- a. a near death experience
- b. a dream
- c. when I was in trouble
- d. a camp
- e. a worship experience
- f. when Christ became real to me

4. Check the ministries which would be the most difficult for you to say, "Here I am, send me!"

- Tell a friend about Jesus
- Lead neighborhood prayer group
- Teach children
- Teach adults
- Clerical work
- Prison/jail visitation
- Hospital/nursing home visitation
- Food closet
- Homeless shelter
- Open my home to others
- Build/repair buildings
- Music
- Befriend a lonely person
- Foreign missions
- Ethical decisions at work
- Other: _____

5. If all the members of your small group appeared at your church saying, "Here we are, send us!", how would your church staff react?

- a. blind, deaf & dumb
- b. shock & disbelief
- c. relief
- d. affirmation
- e. good ideas
- f. rejection