
Life Group Guide: "I Am A Man" - Isaiah 6

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to open your eyes to see Him clearly and to help you understand the weight of sin and the beauty of the cross.

Icebreaker

Share a time when you saw something familiar in a completely new way. What changed your perspective?

Key Takeaways

1. The Majesty of the Crucified Christ

- Nothing reveals God's majesty more than Jesus' suffering on the cross
- Jesus is exalted BECAUSE He was crucified
- If we don't see the crucifixion rightly, we won't know God as God

2. Seeing God Reveals Our True Condition

- To see God as He is causes you to see yourself as you really are
- Isaiah couldn't discern himself clearly until he saw the crucified Lamb
- God agreed with Isaiah's assessment - he WAS undone

3. The Problem of Comparison

- Isaiah compared himself to God, not to others
- We become self-righteous when we compare ourselves to other people
- The only comparison that matters is you in relation to God

4. The Grace of God Moves First

- Isaiah never asked for forgiveness - God moved immediately
- Before we knew sin, Jesus knew crucifixion

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- The lamb was slain before the foundation of the world
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Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text (Isaiah 6:1-8)

1. **What did Isaiah see that caused him to say "Woe is me"?** Why was seeing God "high and lifted up" so devastating to him?
 2. **Isaiah said "I am a man of unclean lips." What was his primary problem according to the sermon?** (Hint: It wasn't his lips)
 3. **What happened BEFORE Isaiah asked for forgiveness?** What does this teach us about God's character?
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Personal Reflection

4. **On a scale of 1-10, how clearly do you see the majesty of Christ's crucifixion?** What might be clouding your vision?
 5. **Are you more prone to compare yourself to God or to other people?** How does this affect your spiritual life?
 6. **The sermon stated: "Many people say 'God, use me' but few say 'God, search me.'" Which prayer is more common in your life? Why?**
 7. **Do you have a "low estimation of sin"?** How does this affect your evaluation of God and what Jesus did?
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Cultural Application

8. **The sermon said we live in a culture "drunk on self-righteousness."** Where do you see this in society? In the church? In yourself?
 9. **"We are more compatible with the world than we are with God."** Is this true of American Christianity? Is it true of you personally?
 10. **What does it mean for the world to be "turned upside down" by the gospel today?** Are you content with the world as it is, or do you long for transformation?
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Going Deeper

11. **Read Revelation 3:14-18 (the church of Laodicea).** How does spiritual blindness prevent us from seeing our need for Jesus?
 12. **The sermon said: "If you don't understand sin, you don't understand redemption, mercy, grace, transformation, the church, or the second coming."** Discuss how understanding sin is foundational to understanding everything else in Christianity.
 13. **"You have to die before you can live."** What does this mean practically in the life of a believer?
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Practical Applications

This Week, I Will:

Choose 1-2 actions to focus on:

- ☐ **Meditate on the crucifixion** - Spend 15 minutes daily reading one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, or John 19)
 - ☐ **Pray "Search me, O God"** - Use Psalm 139:23-24 as a daily prayer, asking God to reveal areas of sin you've become blind to
 - ☐ **Stop comparing** - Identify one person you tend to compare yourself to (positively or negatively) and intentionally stop. Replace that comparison with reflection on Christ
 - ☐ **Confess specific sin** - Write down sins you've minimized or justified. Confess them to God and, if appropriate, to a trusted believer
 - ☐ **Study the word "lifted up"** - Do a word study on every time "lifted up" appears in the New Testament in reference to Jesus
 - ☐ **Examine your compatibility** - List ways you're more compatible with the world than with God. Bring these before the Lord
 - ☐ **Share the gospel** - With fresh eyes on the cross, share what Jesus has done with someone this week
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Memory Verse

Isaiah 6:5-7 *"So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.'"*

Closing Reflection

Silent Reflection (2-3 minutes):

- What is one thing God revealed to you through this discussion?
- What is He asking you to do about it?

Share: Go around and have each person share their answer in one sentence.

Closing Prayer

Pray together:

- For eyes to see Jesus crucified and exalted
 - For awareness of our own sin without comparison to others
 - For transformation into the image of Christ
 - For the church to have healthy spiritual eyesight
 - For specific needs shared during discussion
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Leader Notes

- **Be vulnerable first** - Share your own struggles with spiritual blindness or self-righteousness
- **Avoid condemnation** - The goal is seeing Jesus clearly, not heaping guilt
- **Create safety** - This is heavy content; make sure people feel safe to be honest
- **Point to grace** - Always return to the beauty of what Jesus has done
- **Don't rush** - It's okay not to get through all questions; go deep rather than wide