

Life Group Guide: "Here I Am, Send Me"

Based on Isaiah 6:8

Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by asking God to speak to each person and help you respond with open hearts to His leading.

Icebreaker

Share a "dad joke" or funny story about a father figure in your life. This helps set a relaxed tone and connects to the sermon's opening.

Sermon Overview

This message explores the Hebrew concept of *hineni* ("here I am") - a wholehearted commitment to God's calling without conditions. We examined how Moses, Joseph, Samuel, and ultimately Jesus modeled radical availability to God's purposes, even when the path ahead was unclear or difficult.

Key Scripture

Isaiah 6:8 - "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'"

Discussion Questions

Understanding "Here I Am" (Hineni)

1. The sermon defined *hineni* as "all of me, present, available, no conditions." When have you said "yes" to God with conditions attached? What were those conditions?

2. **Which biblical figure's story resonated most with you - Moses, Joseph, or Samuel?** Why? What does their response to God's call teach you?
3. **The message emphasized that "here I am" comes before knowing the full assignment.** What makes it difficult to say yes to God without knowing all the details first?

Responding to God's Call

4. **Pastor Dave said, "Sometimes we live our lives for today, for comfort, for the moment. But there is an eternity that we live for."** How does an eternal perspective change the way you approach daily decisions?
5. **The sermon asked: "When's the last time you created space in your day to allow the Lord to interrupt you?"** How can you build more margin into your life for God to speak?
6. **Discuss this statement: "The response was being trained well before the full revelation came" (regarding Samuel).** How is God training your response before you fully understand His voice or calling?

The Cost of Obedience

7. **Isaiah's assignment wasn't easy - people wouldn't listen or respond.** Have you ever felt like your obedience to God wasn't producing the results you expected? How did you respond?
8. **The sermon reminded us that "our God-given assignments aren't always easy."** What assignment or calling in your life right now feels difficult? How does knowing God is with you change your perspective?
9. **Jesus said the ultimate "here I am" through the cross.** How does Jesus's example of total surrender challenge or inspire you in your current circumstances?

Key Takeaways

1. **Our yes to God changes everything** - A wholehearted "here I am" opens the door to God's purposes in our lives.
2. **Our God-given assignments aren't always easy** - Faithfulness isn't measured by comfort or convenience, but by obedience.
3. **Don't call it over until God calls it over** - Even in difficult seasons, God's seed (Jesus) remains alive and at work.

Practical Applications

This Week, I Will:

Choose one or more to commit to:

- **Create a daily "here I am" moment** - Set aside 10 minutes each day to pray, "Lord, here I am. What do you want to say to me today?"
 - **Identify one condition** - Write down one area where you've been saying yes to God with conditions. Pray about surrendering that condition.
 - **Practice availability** - Look for one opportunity this week to serve someone or respond to a need, even if it's inconvenient.
 - **Study the "here I am" passages** - Read the stories of Moses (Exodus 3), Joseph (Genesis 37), and Samuel (1 Samuel 3) and journal what God shows you.
 - **Have a vulnerable conversation** - Share with a trusted friend or spouse one area where you're struggling to say "yes" to God.
 - **Evaluate your "God moments"** - Reflect on when you last recognized God's presence in your daily life. Ask Him to help you see Him more clearly.
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Reflection Questions for Personal Time

- What is God asking of me right now that I've been hesitating to say yes to?
 - Am I more focused on comfort or calling?
 - What would change in my marriage, family, or workplace if I truly lived with a "here I am" posture?
 - Where do I need to stop calling something "over" and trust God's continued work?
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Prayer Focus

Pray for each other in these areas:

- For courage to say "here I am" without conditions
 - For marriages and families to reflect wholehearted commitment
 - For Pastor Chris and his family during their time of loss
 - For clarity in hearing God's voice
 - For strength in difficult assignments
 - For an eternal perspective in daily decisions
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Closing Challenge

Before next week: Share with at least one person outside your group about a time when saying "yes" to God changed your life. Be prepared to share that conversation with your group.

Memory Verse

Isaiah 6:8 - "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'"

"Here I am, send me" isn't just about big moments—it's about daily surrender to the One who sees, knows, and has already gone before us.