

Life Group Guide: "This Is Different"

Based on Pastor Damon Moore's Message at Word of Life Church

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin by praying together, asking the Holy Spirit to open hearts and minds to what God wants to reveal in this new season.

Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Question: Share about a time when God closed one season of your life to begin something new. How did you recognize the shift at the time?

Key Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Focus on verse 1) *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on the throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple."*

Main Takeaways

1. God Must Close One Season to Begin Another

- Isaiah saw the Lord clearly when King Uzziah died
- New seasons require the death of old patterns, habits, and attitudes
- This shift is spiritual first, then becomes natural

2. Warning Signs of Spiritual Drift

- **Comfort** - "God knows my heart" without active engagement
- **Complacency** - Loss of zeal and passion for God
- **Comparison** - Measuring your spiritual life against others
- **Lost Conviction** - Tolerating what once grieved your heart

3. The Call to See Jesus Clearly

- Moving from hearing about God to seeing Him for yourself
 - Pursuing God to know Him, not just for results
 - Dwelling in His presence daily with intentionality
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: Recognizing the Shift (15 minutes)

1. Pastor Damon emphasized that "this is different" - a prophetic shift happening at Word of Life. What does that phrase stir in your heart? What expectations does it create?
2. Read Isaiah 6:1 together. Why do you think Isaiah specifically mentioned "the year King Uzziah died"? What significance does timing have in our spiritual seasons?
3. Isaiah 48:18-19 says God will "do a new thing." What "former things" might God be asking you to stop remembering or holding onto?

Section 2: Personal Inventory (20 minutes)

4. Review the four warning signs mentioned in the sermon:
 - Comfort
 - Complacency
 - Comparison
 - Lost Conviction

Which one resonates most with where you are right now? Be honest with the group.

5. The sermon mentioned that King Uzziah prospered "as long as he sought the Lord" but fell when "his heart was lifted up." What areas of success or strength in your life might be tempting you toward pride or self-sufficiency?
6. Pastor Damon challenged: "Don't just spend time with Him because you need something." How would your prayer life change if you pursued God just to know Him rather than to get something from Him?

Section 3: Seeing Jesus High and Lifted Up (15 minutes)

7. The message emphasized seeing the "crucified, risen Savior" clearly for yourself. What's the difference between hearing about Jesus and seeing Him for yourself?

8. Psalm 91:1 talks about dwelling in the secret place. The word "dwell" means to remain fixed. What practical changes would help you move from visiting God occasionally to dwelling with Him consistently?
 9. Isaiah's response after seeing the Lord was "Woe is me, for I am undone." Why is brokenness often the doorway to transformation? Have you experienced this?
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Practical Application

This Week's Challenge:

Choose **ONE** of the following to commit to this week:

Option 1: The 7-Day Dwelling Challenge

- Commit to 20 minutes of uninterrupted time with God each day
- No agenda except to know Him better
- Journal what you discover about His character each day

Option 2: The Death Audit

- Identify one specific thing that needs to "die" in this season (habit, attitude, comfort zone, sin pattern)
- Write it down and share it with one trusted person in the group
- Create a practical plan to surrender it daily to God

Option 3: The Worship Reset

- Before coming to church next Sunday, spend 30 minutes in worship at home
 - Come to service already full of worship, not waiting to be filled
 - Notice the difference in your experience
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Group Accountability Questions

1. What specific step will you take this week to "posture and pursue daily with passion"?
 2. Who in this group can you text mid-week to share what God is showing you?
 3. What would it look like for you personally to carry the burden your pastor has for this church?
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Reflection Questions for Journaling

- What season is God asking me to close?
 - What am I comfortable with that might be keeping me from seeing God clearly?
 - If I saw Jesus "high and lifted up" this week, what would change about my priorities?
 - What does "Here I am, send me" look like in my daily life?
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Closing Activity (10 minutes)

Corporate Prayer Exercise:

Go around the circle and have each person complete this sentence out loud:

"Lord, in this new season, I want to see You as..."

Examples:

- "My healer"
- "My provider"
- "My fortress"
- "My first love"

After everyone shares, pray together for the specific revelations each person named.

Next Steps

- **If you made a decision to follow Jesus or recommit your life:** Connect with a prayer partner or group leader this week to discuss next steps in your faith journey.
 - **If you need prayer:** Don't leave today without reaching out. Text someone from the group or contact the church prayer team.
 - **Prepare for next week:** Read Isaiah 6 daily and ask God to show you something new each time.
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Closing Prayer

"Father, we thank You that You are shifting us into a new season. We don't want to miss what You're doing. Help us to let dead things die. Give us fresh eyes to see Jesus high and lifted up. We say together, 'Here we are, Lord. Send us.' In Jesus' name, amen."

Leader Notes

- **Be sensitive** to group members who may be in difficult seasons or struggling with the warning signs mentioned
 - **Create safety** for honest sharing - this message calls for vulnerability
 - **Follow up** with anyone who seems particularly moved or convicted during discussion
 - **Celebrate** any commitments made - this is a significant moment for your church
 - **Don't rush** through the questions - it's better to go deep on a few than surface on all
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Remember: This isn't just another sermon series - your pastors are carrying a prophetic burden for this season. Encourage your group to carry it together!