

# Life Group Guide: Seeing Jesus and Being Sent

Based on Isaiah 6:1-8

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## Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by asking God to open your hearts to see Jesus more clearly and to respond to His call with willing hearts.

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## Ice Breaker

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

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## Key Takeaways

1. **We all need a fresh revelation of Jesus** - No matter where we are spiritually, we haven't exhausted who Jesus is
  2. **Seeing God rightly leads to being sent** - When Isaiah saw the Lord, he immediately wanted to respond
  3. **None of us are qualified** - Our only qualification is that God has cleansed us through Jesus
  4. **God wants to give His witness through transformed people** - We become the message, not just messengers
  5. **The messenger is the message** - People need to see Jesus reflected in our lives, not just hear about Him
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## Discussion Questions

### Part 1: Seeing Jesus (Isaiah 6:1-4)

1. The sermon mentioned that "sometimes something has to die for a new clarity of who Jesus is." What are some things (not necessarily bad things) that might need to "die" in our lives for us to see Jesus more clearly?
  2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. How does spiritual warfare specifically target our revelation of Jesus? What are some practical ways the enemy blinds us to the beauty of Jesus in our daily lives?
  3. Isaiah saw God as a king on a throne when his earthly king (Uzziah) had died. Where are we tempted to place our hope instead of in Jesus? (Consider: political leaders, financial security, relationships, etc.)
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### Part 2: Being Cleansed (Isaiah 6:5-7)

4. Isaiah's immediate response to seeing God was "Woe is me!" - recognizing his own condition. Why is it important to see ourselves rightly before we can be sent effectively?
  5. Notice how quickly God cleansed Isaiah after he came into agreement about his condition. What does this teach us about God's eagerness to prepare us for service?
  6. The sermon stated, "No one's qualified to be sent by God and represent God." How does this truth free us from comparison and competition with other believers?
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### Part 3: Being Sent (Isaiah 6:8)

7. God asked, "Who will go for us?" rather than just giving everyone a Mount Sinai experience. What does this tell us about God's chosen method of revealing Himself to the world?
  8. Read John 17:21-23. How does Jesus describe the way the world will come to believe in Him? What role do we play in this?
  9. The sermon said, "Your assignment, your sending, is not about you and it's about you." Discuss what this paradox means. How can both be true?
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### Part 4: Practical Application

10. The sermon mentioned that sending can happen in many different ways - dramatically or gradually, across the world or across the street. Where do you sense God might be "sending" you right now? (Consider: workplace, neighborhood, family, ministry, etc.)

11. What are some "hindrances" in your life that might be blocking a fresh revelation of Jesus? (Be honest and vulnerable with your group)
  12. Is there something God has already asked you to do that you've been resisting? What's holding you back?
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## Personal Reflection Exercise

Take 3-5 minutes of silence for each person to ask God these two questions:

- "Lord, what are the hindrances to me seeing more of you?"
- "Lord, are there things you've asked me to do that I'm not doing?"

*Optional: Share what God revealed if you feel comfortable*

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## Practical Applications for This Week

Choose 1-2 of these to commit to this week:

1. **Daily Prayer Focus:** Each morning this week, pray, "Lord, show me who You are today and help me reflect You to someone."
  2. **Identify Your "Sending":** Write down the specific places God has positioned you (work, neighborhood, family, etc.). Ask Him to show you how you're meant to be His witness there.
  3. **Respond to Resistance:** If God has been asking you to do something you've been resisting, take one concrete step toward obedience this week.
  4. **Study Jesus:** Read through one of the Gospels this week specifically looking for the character and nature of Jesus. Journal what you discover.
  5. **Practice "Here I Am":** Each day, pray a simple prayer: "Here I am, Lord. Send me wherever You want today."
  6. **Serve Someone:** Look for one practical way to serve someone this week as a reflection of Jesus' self-sacrificing love.
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## Prayer Focus

**Pray for each other in these areas:**

- For fresh revelation of who Jesus is
  - For willingness to be sent wherever God wants
  - For the Rwanda team traveling this week
  - For our nation as we celebrate 250 years
  - For specific "sendings" God has given group members
  - For courage to respond "Here I am" to God's call
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## Closing Thought

*"If you see the one Isaiah saw, you will be sent. When you and I don't reflect the image of Jesus, people put their hope in other things. But when we do, we become the witness of the self-sacrificing crucified king."*

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## Before Next Week

- Continue praying about where God is sending you
  - Be ready to share any ways you saw God work through your obedience
  - Prepare for the next message in this series on Isaiah 6
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### **Memory Verse:**

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