

Life Group Guide: "Here I Am, Send Me" – Part 1

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Begin by asking God to open the eyes of your hearts to see what Isaiah saw—the glory of the crucified and risen King.

Ice Breaker (5-10 minutes)

Question: Have you ever had a moment where you saw something familiar in a completely new way? What changed your perspective?

Sermon Summary

Pastor explored Isaiah 6, where the prophet sees the Lord "high and lifted up." Through a journey across Scripture, we discovered that Isaiah saw the crucified Christ—the ultimate revelation of God's glory. The cross wasn't just an event; it revealed who God has always been: self-sacrificing, humble, and willing to bear our burdens. Isaiah's response of "Woe is me, I am undone" came from beholding the humility and majesty of the crucified God-man.

Key Scriptures

- **Isaiah 6:1-8** - Isaiah's vision of the Lord
 - **Isaiah 52:13-53:12** - The suffering servant
 - **John 3:14-16** - Jesus lifted up like the serpent
 - **John 12:31-33** - Jesus speaks of being lifted up
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Discussion Questions

1. Understanding the Vision (10-15 minutes)

- What stood out to you most from the sermon about what Isaiah saw?
- How does understanding that "lifted up" connects to both exaltation AND crucifixion change your view of the cross?
- Why do you think Isaiah's response was "Woe is me, I am undone" when he saw the Lord?

2. The Glory of the Cross (10-15 minutes)

- The pastor said: "Nothing reveals the majesty of God more than the suffering Jesus endured on the cross." How does this statement challenge or affirm your current understanding of God's glory?
- Discuss the places throughout Scripture where death and life, judgment and mercy appear together (Isaac, Noah's ark, the bronze serpent, etc.). What pattern do you see?
- How has the cross become "little" or routine in your own spiritual life? Be honest.

3. Personal Reflection (10-15 minutes)

- The sermon asked: "Do we know the humility of the crucified God-man?" How would you answer that for yourself?
- What does it mean practically that the cross "transcends your past, present, and future"?
- Isaiah was frozen in his tracks by what he saw. When was the last time you were genuinely moved or stopped in your tracks by the reality of what Jesus did?

4. Living It Out (10-15 minutes)

- The pastor said: "How do you know that you know the cross and the humility of the man? It's when you begin to realize all the things that used to upset you don't. Because you realize life's just not about you." What current frustrations or offenses might God be asking you to release in light of the cross?
 - How does beholding the crucified Christ change the way we approach:
 - Conflict with others?
 - Our own sin?
 - Service and sacrifice?
 - What would it look like for you to live with a "Here I am, send me" posture this week?
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Key Takeaways

1. **The cross reveals who God has always been** - self-sacrificing, humble, bearing our burdens
 2. **We must see the crucifixion rightly to know God rightly** - if the cross is small to us, our Christianity is small
 3. **The glory and the suffering cannot be separated** - Jesus is most exalted in his moment of greatest humiliation
 4. **The cross transcends time** - Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, covering past, present, and future sins
 5. **Beholding the crucified Christ transforms us** - it strips away pride, offense, and self-centeredness
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

Option 1: Daily Meditation on the Cross

- Spend 10 minutes each day reading Isaiah 53 slowly
- Ask God: "Let me see what Isaiah saw"
- Journal what stands out to you about Jesus' humility and sacrifice

Option 2: Humility Inventory

- Make a list of current frustrations, offenses, or areas where you feel entitled
- Bring each one before the cross and ask: "How does beholding the crucified Christ change my perspective on this?"
- Choose one area to actively practice humility and self-sacrifice

Option 3: Share the Cross

- Identify someone who needs to hear about Jesus this week
 - Pray for an opportunity to share what the cross means to you
 - Be ready to say "Here I am, send me" when God opens a door
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Prayer Focus (10-15 minutes)

Pray together:

- That God would give each person a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
- For fresh wonder at the cross—that it would never become routine or "little"
- For humility to replace pride, self-righteousness, and offense
- For God to raise up the image of the crucified Christ in our lives
- For a "Here I am, send me" spirit to emerge in each group member

Close by praying the prayer from the sermon: "Lord, help me to see. Help me to see what Isaiah saw. Let me behold the glorified King crucified on the beams. Open the eyes of my heart. Forgive me for not esteeming the blood, the beams, the self-sacrificing way of our Lord. Let the wonder of the cross happen in me."

Looking Ahead

This is part of a series called "Here I Am, Send Me." Encourage group members to:

- Attend the remaining weeks of the series
 - Continue asking God to open their eyes to see Him more clearly
 - Be ready to respond when God calls: "Whom shall I send?"
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Leader Notes

- **Be vulnerable:** Share your own struggle with taking the cross for granted
- **Create space:** Some may need time to process heavy truths—don't rush
- **Expect God to move:** This content is designed to bring people to repentance and renewal
- **Follow up:** Check in with group members during the week about their practical application