



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on December 31st, 2023

Isaiah 6:1-13(NASB)

6 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two each covered his face, and with two each covered his feet, and with two each flew. 3 And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.
The whole earth is full of His glory."

4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5 Then I said,

"Woe to me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I live among a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of armies."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7 He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin."

8 Then 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!" 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people:

'Keep on listening, but do not understand;
And keep on looking, but do not gain knowledge.'
10 Make the hearts of this people insensitive,
Their ears dull,
And their eyes blind,
So that they will not see with their eyes,
Hear with their ears,
Understand with their hearts,
And return and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered,

"Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant,
Houses are without people
And the land is utterly desolate,
12 The Lord has completely removed people,
And there are many forsaken places in the midst of the land.
13 Yet there will still be a tenth portion in it,
And it will again be subject to burning,
Like a terebinth or an oak
Whose stump remains when it is cut down.
The holy seed is its stump."

DIGGING DEEPER

What are some things that have been described as holy in scripture? Anything described as holy outside of scripture?

Read Isaiah 6:1-7

2 Chronicles 26 spells out Uzziah's reign of 52 years which was one of stability for the nation of Israel as he was mainly a good king who followed the Lord's ways. How might Isaiah be feeling at this moment?

The Seraphim's exclamation of "Holy" could be said as "Unique." How is God unique, unlike any other?

How do people resist expressing worship to the One who is altogether different and set apart from all else?

Have you ever experienced Isaiah's realization of being sinful? Tells about that/those moment(s).

Read Isaiah 6:8-10

Notice that God isn't directly asking Isaiah "Will you go?" This means that God has always and is still asking "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" What are you willing to say in response to this request?

Would you still have the same response if you knew your ministry was going to look unsuccessful like Isaiah's?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Isaiah 6:11-13

Do you blame Isaiah for asking “how long”? How do we keep being faithful in doing the work God has given us without becoming cynical, worn out, or a poor example of a Christ follower?

Even in so much destruction, there remains a “holy seed.” What does this say about God’s ultimate plan?

Because God is set apart, unique, and separate, he has called us as believers in his Son Jesus, to also be holy (See 1 Peter 1:13-16). How easy are you finding that to do? How can we be praying for you?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

