

September 9, 2025 study questions

Understanding the Text – Isaiah 6

The First Hill: God’s Holiness & Our Sin

- Why do you think Isaiah records that this vision happened “in the year King Uzziah died”? What does that timing reveal about Judah’s situation?
- How does Isaiah describe God’s holiness in verses 1–4? Which part of the vision stands out most to you?
- How does Isaiah respond when he sees the Lord (v. 5)? Why do you think the vision of God immediately led him to confess his sin?
- What does the coal touching Isaiah’s lips teach us about God’s mercy and forgiveness? How does this point us forward to Christ?

The Second Hill: God’s Call & People’s Response

- What is significant about God’s invitation, “Whom shall I send?” (v. 8)? Why does Isaiah respond so quickly, “Here am I, send me”?
- What surprising message is Isaiah given in verses 9–12? Why would it be discouraging for him?
- How does verse 13 (the holy seed in the stump) offer hope in the middle of judgment? How does this connect to the larger theme of longing for home in Isaiah?

Connecting to the Whole Bible

- Jesus quoted Isaiah 6 in His ministry (Matthew 13; John 10). How does this show continuity between Isaiah’s calling and Jesus’ mission?
- How do later prophecies in Isaiah (Immanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Branch from the stump) fulfill the hope hinted at in chapter 6?

Personal Reflection – “Your Hill”

- Where are you right now on the roller coaster of faith:
 - Climbing the hill, praising God’s holiness?
 - In the plunge, feeling the weight of sin or life’s struggles?
 - Experiencing the sudden turn of God’s grace?
- How has God met you in times of uncertainty or spiritual decline? What does the “stump” imagery mean to you personally?
- How does it remind you to keep longing for home?
- How might God be calling you—like Isaiah—to say, “Here am I, send me”?