

**The Story: Chapter 16**  
**The Beginning of the End**

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**DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS**  
**SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO**  
**SEGMENTS:**

**1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS  
CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.**

**2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:**

**Opening Discussion**

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

**Thought #1: God desires to transform us!**

Revisit Isaiah 6:1-7

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Here we read of a powerful encounter that Isaiah had with God. When he discovered the greatness of God, he responded with humility. He was overwhelmed by His magnificence, and it led him to respond in three very specific ways:

1. You are God, and I am not.
2. I am listening because you should be the only one speaking.
3. Lead me because my only response is to follow.

Reflect on this posture of humility. Which of these three is the easiest for you to connect with? Which is the most challenging? Share this with your group.

In verses 6-7, the seraphim touched a live coal to the lips of Isaiah saying, "See this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Pastor Kevin reminded us that fire burns away impurities in metals, working to refine and transform it into something strong, purposeful, and more beautiful.

Where in your life, either past or present, have you experienced "being in the fire" and refining in your life? How did you feel about it while you were in the process? What evidence of strength, purpose and beauty did you see after the refining was complete? Share this with your group.

Pastor Kevin shared that transformation is dependent on our participation. What does this statement mean to you? What does it look like in your day-to-day life?

**Thought #2: Our transformation isn't just for us, but the world around us!**

Isaiah 6:7-8

"With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Pastor Kevin reminded us that as God's people we are set apart for His great work! In this passage, the message was clear. In the sanctifying of the lips, the Lord was saying "Isaiah you are good with words...but I want your lips to be mind. When you open your mouth, I will give you the words to say for my people."

Are there strengths in your life that God is calling you to surrender to Him? Natural skills and abilities that He is asking you to give to Him to use for His purpose? Where in your life, either past or present, have you been tempted to operate in your own strength because you are "good" at it?

