



Group Guide: "Finding Stability in Uncertain Times"

Opening Question:

- Share a time when you faced uncertainty in your life. How did you feel, and how did you handle it?

Key Takeaways:

1. Uncertainty is a common experience in life, but we can find stability in God's Word.
2. Isaiah 6:1 offers comfort and peace during turbulent times.
3. Our "King Uzziah" can represent any source of stability that we've lost.
4. Even in the face of potential ruin, we can have hope because God still reigns.
5. Jesus came to fulfill Isaiah's prophecies and bring restoration.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. Read Isaiah 6:1. How does knowing that "the Lord is seated on the throne" impact your perspective on uncertain situations?
3. The sermon mentioned several examples of a metaphorical "King Uzziah." What has been a "King Uzziah" in your life that you've lost or are afraid of losing?
4. How does understanding the historical context of Isaiah's time help you relate to his message?
5. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:18-21. How does Jesus' fulfillment of these prophecies give you hope in uncertain times?

6. The sermon contrasted the potential for ruin (Isaiah 3:18-26) with the hope of restoration. How can we maintain hope when circumstances look bleak?

7. Discuss the statement: "Whatever hurt you are facing, whatever uncertainty has come upon you... our God still reigns!" How can this truth change our daily outlook?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, whenever you feel uncertain or anxious, practice saying out loud: "King Uzziah has died, but our God still reigns!"

2. Choose a verse from Isaiah (such as Isaiah 6:1 or a verse from Isaiah 61:1-3) to memorize and meditate on when facing uncertainty.

3. Make a list of areas in your life where you need to trust God's sovereignty. Pray over this list daily, surrendering these areas to Him.

4. Reach out to someone you know who is going through a difficult or uncertain time. Encourage them with the truths you've learned from this sermon.

Closing Prayer:

Close the session by having group members pray for each other's areas of uncertainty, affirming God's sovereignty and faithfulness in all circumstances.



Don't let the message end when the service does. Take these questions into your week—ask them at dinner, in the car, on a walk, or online. Let them open doors for faith to grow and for hearts to be stirred toward Jesus.

- How has uncertainty affected your faith journey, and in what ways can you relate to the Israelites' experiences of instability and change?
- What 'King Uzziah' figure or source of stability in your life has recently 'died,' and how are you coping with that loss?
- How does the image of God still reigning on His throne, despite earthly changes, impact your perspective on current challenges?
- In what ways can we build our spiritual 'house' on the rock of God's Word to withstand times of uncertainty?
- How does understanding the historical context of Isaiah's time enhance your appreciation for the hope expressed in Isaiah 6:1?

- What parallels do you see between the turbulent times of Isaiah and our current societal challenges?
- How does Jesus' fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies (as mentioned in Luke 4:18-21) strengthen your faith in God's long-term plans?
- In what areas of your life do you need to shift your focus from earthly 'kings' to the eternal reign of God?
- How can the church community support one another during times of transition and uncertainty?
- What spiritual practices or biblical truths help you maintain peace and trust in God's sovereignty during turbulent times?



Day 1: God's Sovereignty in Uncertain Times

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Devotional: In times of uncertainty, it's crucial to remember that God remains on His throne. Just as Isaiah saw the Lord "high and exalted" after King Uzziah's death, we too can find comfort in God's unchanging nature. Reflect on areas of your life where you feel uncertain or unstable. How might focusing on God's sovereignty bring you peace? Today, practice surrendering your worries to the One who reigns supreme.

Day 2: Finding Hope in God's Promises

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:16-21

Devotional: God's promises offer hope in the midst of despair. Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah, and Jesus fulfilled these words. When life seems bleak, remember that God is working to "bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes." What "ashes" in your life do you need God to transform? Pray for eyes to see the hope and beauty God is creating, even in difficult circumstances.

Day 3: Building on the Solid Rock

Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

Devotional: Jesus taught about the importance of building our lives on His teachings - the solid rock. In a world of constant change, His words provide an unshakeable foundation. Consider the "houses" you've built in your life - relationships, career, faith. Are they founded on Christ's teachings? Identify one area where you can strengthen your foundation in God's Word today.

Day 4: God's Presence in Our Suffering

Reading: Psalm 23

Devotional: Even in the "valley of the shadow of death," God is with us. This psalm reminds us that God's presence brings comfort in our darkest moments. Reflect on a time when you felt God's nearness during difficulty. How can you cultivate an awareness of His presence in your daily life? Practice being still and knowing that He is God (Psalm 46:10) for a few minutes today.

Day 5: Trusting God's Plan in Transitions

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Devotional: Change can be scary, but God assures us that His plans are for our welfare, to give us a future and a hope. As Oak Leaf Church faces transition, and as you navigate your own life changes, remember that God is intimately involved in your journey. What dreams or plans do you need to entrust to God today? Spend time in prayer, seeking His guidance and expressing your trust in His good plans for you.

