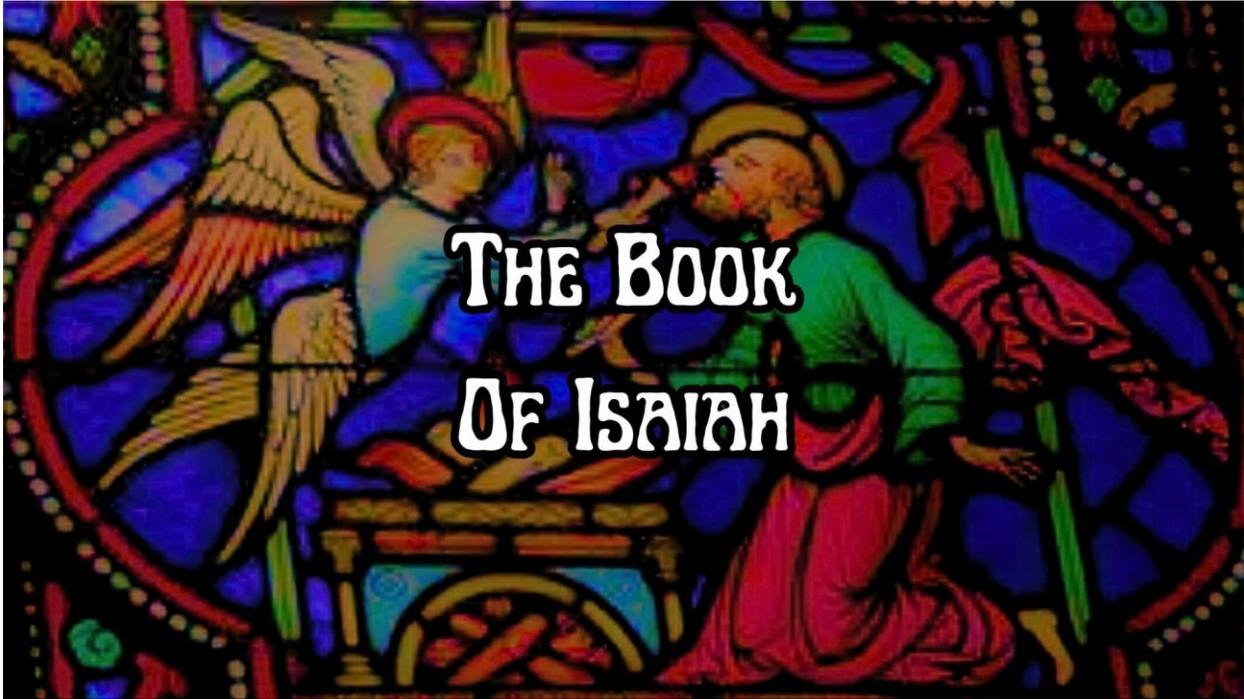


Small Group Guide: "Here I Am, Send Me" - Isaiah 6



Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by asking God to open your hearts to His Word and to help you understand what it means to be cleansed and called by Him.

Icebreaker Question

Share about a time when you felt completely out of your depth or unqualified for something you were asked to do. How did you respond?

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **God's Holiness is Beyond Comprehension** - Even sinless angels must cover themselves in God's presence
2. **We Are Unworthy on Our Own Merit** - Isaiah's immediate response was "I am unclean"
3. **Cleansing Comes Through the Blood of the Lamb** - The coal from the altar (representing sacrifice) purified Isaiah

4. **God Calls the Cleansed, Not the Qualified** - After cleansing, Isaiah was ready to say "Send me"
 5. **Obedience Doesn't Guarantee Easy Results** - Isaiah was sent to people who wouldn't listen
 6. **A Faithful Remnant Remains** - Even in judgment, God preserves those who believe
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Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

1. The Throne Room Vision (Isaiah 6:1-4)

- What details stand out to you about Isaiah's vision of God's throne room?
- Why do you think the angels covered their faces and feet? What does this teach us about God's holiness?
- The angels cry "Holy, holy, holy" - why might they repeat it three times?

2. Isaiah's Response (Isaiah 6:5)

- Isaiah immediately says "Woe is me! I am undone!" Why is this the proper response to God's presence?
- How does Isaiah's view of himself change when he encounters God's holiness?
- In what ways do we minimize our sin or God's holiness in everyday life?

3. The Cleansing Coal (Isaiah 6:6-7)

- What is significant about the coal coming from the altar where sacrifices were made?
- How does this Old Testament picture point forward to Jesus?
- What does it mean that Isaiah's "iniquity is taken away" and his "sin is purged"?

Personal Application

4. Our Own Unworthiness

- When was the last time you felt genuinely unworthy before God (not just guilty about a specific sin)?
- How does recognizing our unworthiness actually free us to serve God rather than paralyze us?
- Share about a time when you felt God's cleansing in your life.

5. The Call to Ministry

- The pastor shared that he knew God was calling him to ministry as a teenager. Have you sensed God calling you to something specific? How did you respond?
- What fears or feelings of inadequacy hold you back from saying "Here I am, send me"?
- How does understanding that we're cleansed by Christ (not qualified by our goodness) change how we approach serving God?

6. Difficult Assignments (Isaiah 6:9-13)

- God told Isaiah to preach to people who wouldn't listen. How would you feel receiving that assignment?
- Have you ever shared the gospel or tried to help someone spiritually, only to be rejected? How did you handle it?
- What motivates you to keep sharing when you know many will reject the message?

Going Deeper

7. The Blood of the Lamb

- How does the imagery of the coal with sacrificial blood help you understand what Jesus did for you?
- In what practical ways can we "apply the blood of the Lamb" to our daily struggles with sin and unworthiness?
- How should being cleansed by Christ's blood change how we view and treat others who don't know Him?

8. The Faithful Remnant

- Why do you think God preserves a remnant even in judgment?

- How does knowing that "few will choose the narrow gate" affect your evangelism and expectations?
- What encouragement can we draw from the promise of the "holy seed" (pointing to Jesus)?

9. The Church's Mission

- The pastor said our mission is to share the gospel knowing most will reject it, but the few who accept make it worth it. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- How can we maintain compassion for unbelievers when we remember our own unworthiness before Christ saved us?
- What would it look like for our group/church to have Isaiah's heart of "Here I am, send me"?

Practical Applications

Choose 1-2 of these to commit to this week:

Individual Actions

- **Daily Reflection:** Each morning this week, spend 5 minutes meditating on God's holiness and your need for His cleansing. Thank Him for the blood of Christ.
- **Confession Practice:** Write down areas where you feel unworthy or unclean. Then write "Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb" over each one.
- **"Send Me" Prayer:** Pray daily, "Lord, where do you want to send me today?" Be attentive to opportunities to share His love.
- **Study the Remnant:** Read through Isaiah looking for references to the faithful remnant and how God preserves them.

Group/Partner Actions

- **Accountability Partners:** Pair up and share one area where you feel inadequate to serve God. Pray for each other's cleansing and boldness.
- **Gospel Sharing Practice:** Role-play sharing your testimony or the gospel with each other to build confidence.
- **Outreach Planning:** Identify one person or group your small group could reach out to with the gospel this month, knowing some may reject it.

- **Worship Response:** Plan a time of worship focused on God's holiness (perhaps incorporating the "Holy, Holy, Holy" hymn or similar songs).

Reflection Exercise

Complete this sentence and share with the group: "Because Christ has cleansed me, I am willing to _____, even though it's difficult or I feel unqualified."

Memory Verse

Isaiah 6:8 - "Also 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.'"

Closing Discussion

- What is one thing God spoke to you about through this study?
 - How will you respond differently this week because of what you've learned?
 - Who needs to hear about God's cleansing power from you this week?
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Closing Prayer Points

- Thank God for His holiness and for the blood of Christ that cleanses us
 - Confess areas where we've felt too worthy (pride) or too unworthy (refusing God's cleansing)
 - Ask for boldness to say "Here I am, send me" in specific situations
 - Pray for those who will hear the gospel through group members this week
 - Pray for compassion for those who are lost, remembering we were once unclean too
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Additional Resources

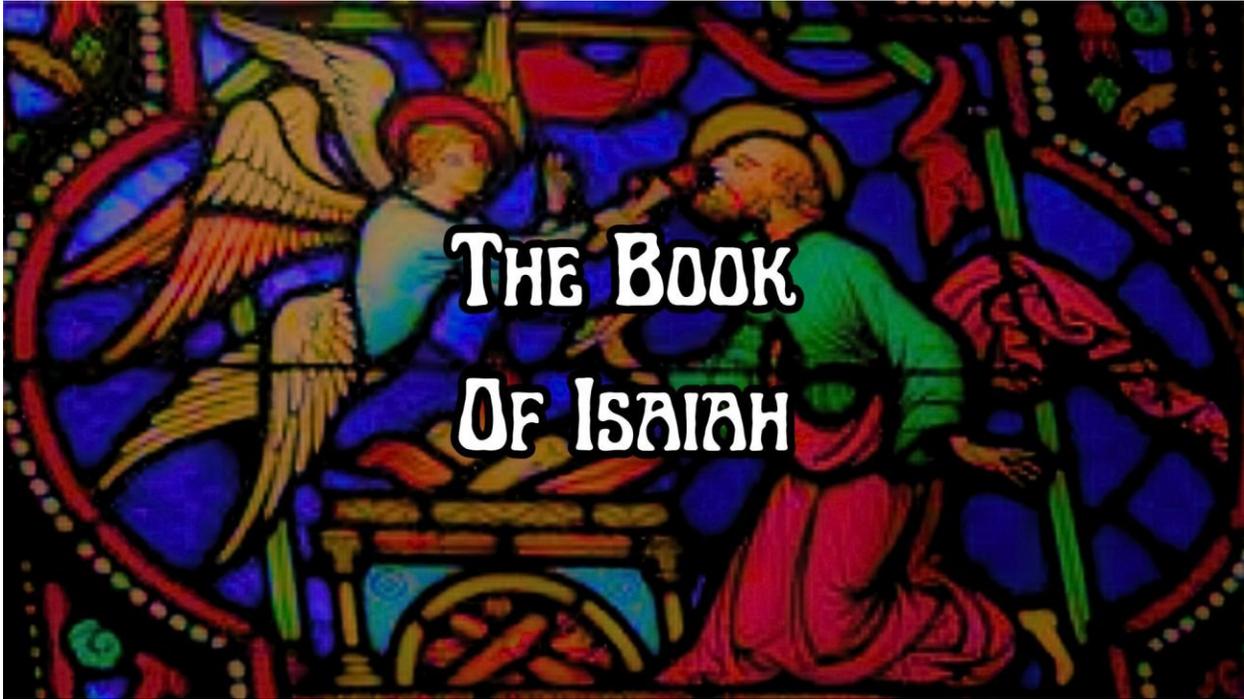
- Read the full book of Isaiah over the next few months, noting the themes mentioned: near judgment, near hope, far judgment, far hope, God's character, and Messiah's description

- Study other "call" passages: Moses (Exodus 3-4), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1), Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1-3), and the disciples (Matthew 4, Luke 5)
 - Research the temple/tabernacle design to better understand the symbolism Isaiah experienced
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Leader Notes

- Be prepared for vulnerability as people share about feeling unworthy or inadequate
- Emphasize grace - we're not trying to "work up" worthiness, but receive Christ's cleansing
- If your group is ready, consider ending with a time of commissioning where members can say "Here I am, send me" and receive prayer
- Be sensitive to those who may be wrestling with a specific call from God they've been avoiding

5-Day Devotional: Here Am I, Send Me



Day 1: The Holiness of God

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-4

Devotional:

When Isaiah encountered God's throne room, he witnessed angels crying "Holy, holy, holy!" Even these sinless beings covered their faces before God's pure glory. This reveals something profound: God's holiness is beyond our comprehension. We often approach God casually, forgetting His absolute otherness and purity. Like Isaiah, we need moments where God's majesty overwhelms us, where we recognize the vast distance between our imperfection and His perfection. Today, pause and meditate on God's holiness. Consider how the Creator of the universe invites you into relationship despite this gap. Let His holiness inspire both reverence and gratitude that He would draw near to you.

Reflection Question: When was the last time you were truly overwhelmed by God's holiness?

Day 2: Recognizing Our Unworthiness

Reading: Isaiah 6:5; Romans 3:10-12, 23

Devotional:

Isaiah's immediate response to God's presence was "Woe is me! I am undone!" He recognized his unclean lips and dwelling among unclean people. This wasn't self-hatred but honest recognition of his condition before a holy God. We live in a culture that emphasizes self-confidence and self-worth, yet spiritual growth begins with honest assessment. Apart from Christ, we are spiritually bankrupt. This isn't meant to crush us but to prepare us for grace. Only when we acknowledge our true condition can we appreciate the magnitude of God's redemption. The gospel makes no sense to those who believe they're fundamentally good. Today, honestly assess where you stand without Christ's covering.

Reflection Question: What areas of your life do you try to hide from God's holy gaze?

Day 3: Cleansed by the Blood

Reading: Isaiah 6:6-7; Hebrews 9:11-14

Devotional:

The seraphim touched Isaiah's lips with a coal from the altar—a coal stained with sacrificial blood. This wasn't about Isaiah's effort or worthiness; it was about God's provision for cleansing. The coal represented what the blood of lambs foreshadowed: Christ's ultimate sacrifice. We cannot make ourselves clean through religious activity or moral improvement. Only the blood of Jesus purges our sin and makes us acceptable before God. Isaiah couldn't speak for God until he was cleansed; we cannot effectively minister until we've experienced this cleansing personally. Have you received this cleansing? Not just intellectually acknowledged it, but personally experienced the transforming power of Christ's blood covering your sin?

Reflection Question: How does remembering your cleansing by Christ's blood change how you approach ministry and service?

Day 4: Responding to God's Call

Reading: Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional:

After cleansing comes calling. God asked, "Whom shall I send?" and Isaiah responded, "Here am I! Send me!" Notice the order: encounter with holiness, recognition of unworthiness, cleansing by grace, then willingness to serve. We cannot skip steps. Isaiah's response wasn't based on his abilities or qualifications but on what God had done for him. God is still asking, "Whom shall I send?" He's looking for cleansed messengers willing to carry His truth to a world that desperately needs it. Your calling may not be vocational ministry, but every believer is called to represent Christ. The question isn't whether you're qualified—the blood qualifies you. The question is: will you respond?

Reflection Question: What is holding you back from saying "Here am I, send me" to God?

Day 5: Faithful Despite Rejection

Reading: Isaiah 6:9-13; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Devotional: God's commission to Isaiah included a sobering reality: most people wouldn't listen. They would hear but not understand, see but not perceive. Yet God still sent him. Faithfulness isn't measured by results but by obedience. We're called to be faithful messengers, not successful ones by worldly standards. Jesus himself was rejected. The disciples faced persecution. Why should we expect different? But here's the hope: there will always be a remnant. Some will respond. That stump remaining in the ground would eventually produce the Messiah. Your faithful witness may seem to fall on deaf ears, but God is working. One person coming to faith makes every rejection worthwhile. Keep proclaiming truth regardless of response.

Reflection Question: How does knowing that rejection is expected change your perspective on sharing the gospel?

Closing Prayer: Holy God, like Isaiah, we recognize our unworthiness to stand before You. Thank You for cleansing us through the blood of Jesus Christ. We say with humble boldness: Here we are, send us. Give us courage to be faithful messengers even when our message is rejected. Help us remember that we are qualified not by our abilities but by Your grace. May we never lose sight of the holiness that should inspire both reverence and gratitude. Use us for Your glory. Amen.

