

Discussion Questions 3/19/23

Answering the Call

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: What is God's plan for me? Have you ever found yourself asking that? The prophet Isaiah actually thought that he already had this question answered as he casually followed God and lived his life. What he later found was that God's plan was for Isaiah to see the enormity of God and allow that to move him from nominal Christianity to radical Christianity.

Read: Isaiah 6:1-12

1. Ricky talked about how we can often feel like we're too busy to answer the call of God. Why do you think we feel that way and what can we do to change that?
2. Isaiah was a prophet for a long time. He led a long and faithful ministry. We have seen a lot of ministry leaders fail, we've seen a lot of CEOs fail, we've seen a lot of parents fail, and so on. Isaiah was a regular guy and yet remained faithful. What things can you start doing today to increase your odds of faithfulness in the future?
3. In Isaiah 6 there's a story of Isaiah in the throne room of God and he's overwhelmed with how much he does not belong. Hebrews tells us that we can approach the throne boldly and yet Isaiah shows us how to approach the throne humbly. These passages are not in conflict, but rather they show us the tension of what it means to follow a holy and yet personable God. Where can you do better at being bold in the presence of God? Where do you need God to humble you in his presence?
4. Read Psalm 82. The kings of earth thought themselves to be images of their false gods. In Psalm 82 God speaks judgment on both the rebel spiritual beings and on the earthly leaders who oppress and hurt people. This is a reminder that there are spiritual battles and there are earthly battles and God is constantly and consistently in control. What do you feel and think when you read this passage?
5. As Isaiah is purified and allowed to stay in the presence of God, the triune God asks, "Who will go for us?" If you were to answer God's call in your life today what might it look like? As a group take time affirming how you've seen God move in others in the group and God's calling on their life.

Pray: Pray that God would show each group member what his call is for them. Pray that as God reveals that he would also encourage the group to leave behind nominal Christianity to step into radical obedience to God.