

Lets Go Wk.3

OPENING

People do some crazy things when they are in love with someone! Even if it is just a crush, it is amazing to see how quickly it can turn into infatuation, and how quickly our brains fail us.

(Insert a funny story when you did something crazy for love)

That kind of love and passion for God is not something we can manufacture on our own, so let me pray for us as we open our Bibles to Isaiah 6.

Bible

(Suggestion, assign different students throughout your group to read the separate passages. Or if it's a long passage break it up to involve different students)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-4. How would you describe what Isaiah saw, heard, or experienced, and what that tells us about God? What would it have been like to experience this vision for yourself?

Notes:

What Isaiah experienced	What it tells us about God

Some things you may want to point out in your chart:

Isaiah recounts his vision of God's lofty throne and flowing robes to try to give us a brief glimpse of His majesty. He then tells us of how the foundations were shaken and the temple filled with smoke as the Lord spoke, so we might begin to understand the magnitude of God's power. He also tells us of the seraphim crying, "Holy, holy, holy," to remind us of how completely "set apart" God is from anything we've ever experienced.

The holiness of God is His intrinsic, infinite, and transcendent purity and worth. Intrinsic means it is who He is. And when He moves out into the earth—when He goes public, when He displays Himself for the world to see—the Bible regularly calls that radiance "glory." Isaiah saw the glory of God, and I imagine it would have been extremely humbling and also, honestly, somewhat terrifying.

2. When Isaiah sees the Lord, what is his immediate response? How does the Lord respond (6:5-7)?

Notes: Isaiah's immediate declaration of guilt is not a grand gesture or exaggeration, but merely the logical conclusion of a sinful human being who has been confronted with the reality of a holy God. Isaiah is broken over his sinfulness and the sinfulness of the people.

What is amazing is that this holy God reaches out and draws Isaiah near! In Isaiah 6:7, both guilt and sin are atoned for by means of a sacrifice, symbolized by the burning coal from the altar (v. 6). God has drawn near to us as well, through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He has not compromised His holiness, while at the same time offering us grace.

3. Before we can give grace to others, we must receive grace ourselves. What impact does our experience of God's grace have on the way we serve others?

4. What does this passage tell you about what it means to be called by God and the kind of response God requires?

Notes: Isaiah didn't yet know the nature of the mission, the length of the responsibility, the location of ministry, the content of the message or the degree of difficulty in the task—yet he volunteered to go. He was overwhelmed by God's majesty and grace and simply wanted to submit and serve.

5. How would a better vision of God's glory impact the way we live? Do we need a vision like Isaiah's to live this way?

Notes: When our view of God shrinks, our lives follow. We shrink back from living in bold obedience. We shrink back from being obedient to what He commanded us to do. We shrink back from suffering for His Name.

If our view of God is BIG (like Isaiah's view in this passage), then we will live in radical submission to Him. We would not be fearful of any man or what people think about us. We would just know that our gracious King asked us to be obedient and that we want to follow what He commands.

We don't need a vision like Isaiah's to live this way. We see the radiance of God's glory and grace, in full, in the person of Jesus!

APPLICATION

If we are hesitant or resistant to God's call and will for our lives, what might that tell us about our view of God?

BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP (For all three studies)

Where is God calling you to be obedient to Him as a result of this weekend? What decision do you need to make this week to say, "Let's go!"?

[Ask your students to text you or write down (whichever you feel comfortable with) what you can be praying for them this next week, or any decisions they made in their faith that you can celebrate with them.]