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Baptist Church



Here I Am

“A Journey through Isaiah” Growth Group Study Guide

Week 1: Here I Am

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Isaiah 6: 1-3

Series Overview:

Isaiah lived in Jerusalem during a time of cultural and national crisis. Israel was marked by idolatry, corruption and injustice. God raised up Isaiah to speak on God’s behalf to the leaders of Jerusalem. It was a message of judgement but also a message of hope. As a prophet and scribe, Isaiah believed that one day God would fulfill all of his covenant promises, raise up a new king from the line of David and there would be life beyond the ruins of the exile. Isaiah is considered the greatest Old Testament prophet and is quoted at least 50 times in the New Testament. God gave him powerful messages of judgment and hope. He was consistent in his message even though there was little positive response from his listeners although his ministry spanned the reigns of five kings.

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Text: Isaiah 6: 1-3

Overview:

Isaiah hears the call to communicate a difficult message that the city will one day lie in ruins. Yet, he accepts the call by answering, “Here I am, send me!”

For a full overview, check out the link below with video on Isaiah at The Bible Project:

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/isaiah-1-39/>

DISCUSSION

Getting Warmed Up

Have you ever given a difficult message to a group of people that they needed to hear?

Explain your experience.

Digging In

Read aloud Isaiah 6:1-13

What does Isaiah's vision of the Lord teach us about the Lord's nature and character?

When Isaiah sees the Lord, what does he learn about himself, how does he react, and what does the Lord do about it?

Describe Isaiah's commission, and how it relates to Jesus' own ministry seen in Mark 4:10-12 and John 12:37-43.

When Isaiah asks how long the people will respond negatively, what is the Lord's answer, and why might it be important for Isaiah to know this right at the start of his prophetic ministry?

Bring It Home

How are you using the voice God has given you?



Walking It Out

After prayerful consideration, write down a main “take-away” for you from Isaiah 6.

CLOSING PRAYER

Write down prayer points of concern:

- Concerns about our nation and unrest?
- COVID concerns?
- Loss of relationship?
- Difficulties with finances?

Pray that God will show us the way in which we can best use our voice.