"The God Worthy of Worship"

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Isaiah 6:1-13

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a <u>flexible guide</u> that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

Isaiah lived and prophesied during a declining and difficult time in the life of the divided kingdom of Israel. He prophesied primarily to Judah who was about to endure God's judgment through Assyria. While the first five chapters of the book speak of Judah's wickedness and their looming judgment, chapter 6 is set apart from the rest of the book in that it outlines God's call on Isaiah as His prophet who will speak His judgment and salvation to His people.

Chapter 6 also contrasts the sinfulness of God's people, including Isaiah, with the perfection of God Himself and highlights for the reader a picture of the God worthy of worship. During a time of great distress in the country, Isaiah had a vision of God in all His holiness, authority, and beauty. This vision compelled Isaiah to speak for the LORD, even if it meant he wouldn't see any visible fruit.

During times of great distress in our own lives and country, we must be reminded of the beauty of the God worthy of worship. The only stable reality is the unchanging beauty of the God who not only created, but sustains us, and ultimately saved us by His Son Jesus. His beauty is worthy of worship and worthy of our lives. Without seeing who this God really is, we will cower to the pressures of the day. Seeing Him in all His worth with compel us to serve Him and live out the mission He has for us.

This week as you prepare to gather with your Missional Community spend some time examining the discussion questions and apply them to your life on mission. How do the truths that were unpacked in Sunday's message compel you toward the mission? How will you live differently because of them?

Message Outline

Truths about the God Worthy of Worship...

- 1. He is Alive. (1a)
- 2. He is the Sovereign King. (1b)
- 3. He is Indescribably Beautiful. (1c)
- 4. He is Continually Praised. (2-4)
- 5. He is the Holy Confronter of Sin. (5)
- 6. He is the Gracious God who Saves. (6-7)
- 7. He is the Lord who gives us the mission. (8-13)

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God's Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Isaiah 6:1-13:

- 1. What does this passage say about God's character?
- 2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
- 3. What is God saying about me?
- 4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
- 5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

Weekly Prayer Focus

- · Church:
 - Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
 - > Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
 - Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
 - > Pray for the Missional Communities to establish their goals and objects and begin to live them out.
- Local:
 - > Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
 - Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
- Global:
 - Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
 - Pray for the upcoming trip to SEA.