

“SEA Mission Report”

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

Message Summary

One thing we have discovered about reaching the unreached is this; unreached peoples are unreached for a reason. That may sound obvious, however, it doesn’t really become apparent until you have traveled for days to some of the most remote parts of the earth, looked for days to find them in difficult places scattered among millions of people, and then stand in front of someone who has never heard the name of Jesus. Further, when you begin talking to them about the Most High God, you realize, “this ministry really is harder than it looks!”

I wonder if Isaiah had the same feeling. Uzziah, king of Judah, had died. Now the evil king Ahaz was ruling the nation of Judah. It was a pivotal turning point in the history of Judah. Uzziah’s death marked the end of strength and prosperity in Judah during a time when Assyria was weak. However Ahaz’s reign would bring war and weakness for Judah and Assyria would become the dominant international power. It was during this time that Isaiah saw a vision of God. It was unlike anything he had seen before. He became keenly aware of the beauty and majesty of God. He realized his own brokenness and the brokenness of those around him. Yet, because of the beauty and majesty of God, Isaiah was willing to serve Him and speak for Him, even in the most difficult of circumstances. The Apostle John wrote that Isaiah said these things because he saw the glory of Jesus and spoke of Him (John 12:41)!

Regardless of where we go in the world, either across the street or across the oceans, we have come to realize that ministry is hard. If we are not careful, we will only do ministry if it’s easy and if we seem to be bearing fruit. Further, we can be tempted to root our ministries in our own giftedness and turn the mission on its head. But Isaiah 6 reminds us that ministry ought to be rooted in who God is and a response to Him. And as we bear fruit, whether we see it or not, it will be God’s fruit and not our own. We do this because we have seen the beauty and majesty of Jesus; “for from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever” (Romans 11:36).

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine your motive for going on mission. Is your work rooted in God? Is it a response to His beauty and majesty? Are you satisfied with the fruit? Be prepared to answer these questions and the ones on the next page as you prepare to live on mission in the days ahead.

Message Outline

Observations from Isaiah 6:

1. Be ROOTED in God. (6:1-7)
 - Theology is important!
 - What attributes of God do we see in this passage?
2. RESPOND to God. (6:8)
 - He saw God for who He is.
 - Jesus was more than just his HOMEBODY.
3. BEAR FRUIT from God. (6:9-13)
 - Our call to the lost is not dependent on the fruit we see.
 - The fruit of our lives depends upon God.

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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 teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
 - Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
 - 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 impact their communities with the Gospel.
 - Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
 - Pray for new DNA groups to start.
- **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 team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
 - Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
 - Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
 - Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
 - Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.