

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Give a 5-minute review of Peppy's sermon

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question. They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end. It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

CONNECT Group study questions for March 6 - Isaiah 6:1-6

Title: The Splendor of the King

Read **Isaiah 6:1-8**— *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

And when the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Question: Pastor Peppy taught us “Our ability to handle the problems and challenges of life begins with our having a high view of God.”

What is it about having a high view of God that helps us handle the problems and challenges of life? Share with the group times when having a high view of God made all the difference in handling problems and challenges.

Question: The people of Israel had lost their King Uzziah, who had been a fixture in Israel 52 years. Now he was gone and the people were distressed not knowing the future and fearing the worst.

How does Isaiah's vision speak to us in these times of war, terrorism, persecution, and moral decay? Is the election of a godly leader the best we can hope for?

Question: In the presence of God's infinite holiness, Isaiah immediately recognized his sin and expressed his hopelessness.

Is this an experience those of us who are believers can identify with? Discuss with the group whether you think it is necessary to be aware of your own sinfulness before you accept the forgiveness Christ offers. Or is "invite Jesus into your heart" all you need to do?

Question: When the angel touched Isaiah's lips with the burning coal from the altar, Isaiah was declared free of guilt and cleansed of his sin.

What was Isaiah's response when the Lord said, "Whom shall I send?" (Verses 8-9)? Does Isaiah's response sound like he is still burdened with guilt about his sinfulness in the presence of a holy God? What should we do with about our sin once our guilt is taken away and our sin is atoned for?

Prayer and Praise: In prayer, thank God for the atoning work of Jesus Christ that has cleansed us of all our sin, and boldly respond, "Here I am! Send me." In praise, conclude your Connect Group by singing:

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*