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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- Can you remember a time from childhood when your parents sent you to do something for them that was daunting?
- When you hear the phrase, "send me," what comes to mind?
- Describe the most powerful encounter with God's presence you've ever experienced.

INTRODUCTION

We're finishing off our series of dangerous prayers with the prayer, "Send me." Jesus told his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21). Christians aren't just saved – they're sent. For some people, the idea of being sent on mission by God is exciting, but for others it brings about fear, guilt, or a sense of inadequacy. For many of us, we might feel all those things about mission... in one day! When God commissions Isaiah, he encounters him in a powerful way. This kind of encounter with God, and reencountering God in this way, can empower us to say along with Isaiah, "Here I am! Send me."

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Isaiah 6:1–8

- In verses 1–4 we're given an account of Isaiah's awesome experience. What stands out to you from Isaiah's encounter with God?
- Far from being excited to encounter God, Isaiah is terrified, convinced he's about to be crushed into smithereens. Why does Isaiah say he's "lost/destroyed" (v. 5)?
- One minute Isaiah's cowering in fear. The next he's exclaiming, "Here I am! Send me." What changed? Why do you think it empowered him to say, "Send me"?

APPLICATION

- How does Isaiah's encounter impact your thinking about God and yourself?
- There's no atoning for sin without the shedding of blood (Lev 17:11, Heb 9:22). Isaiah's cleansing ultimately came by the future sacrifice of Christ on the cross, and that cleansing empowered him to pray, "Send me!" Has the sacrificial work of Christ had the same effect on you? How so?
- Isaiah was sent by God with a word for Judah. Disciples are sent to the nations with the gospel (Matt 28:19). Where and to whom has God sent you right now in your life?

PRAYER

- Echo the seraphim—spend time declaring the holiness of God.
- Remember our cleansing—exalt in the cleansing work of Christ.
- Pray dangerously—say out loud, “Here I am! Send me.”

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