

The Holiness and Love of God

Isaiah 6:1-8

1. God's holiness confronts us with who He is and who we are. (Isaiah 6:1-4)
(Ps 50:21, Exod 15:11)

2. If we come to God on our terms, His holiness undoes us. (Isaiah 6:1)
(2 Chron 26:3-23, Lev. 10:1-3)

3. If we come to God on His terms, His holiness remakes us. (Isaiah 6:5-8)
 - a. We worship in humble confession.
 - b. We worship in received mercy.
(Isaiah 57:15, Phil 2:5-8)
 - c. We worship in ready obedience.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

Icebreakers (choose 1 or 2):

1. Have you ever confidently taken a "shortcut" that definitely was not a shortcut?
What happened?
2. If you walked into a room and everyone suddenly went silent and stared at you, what would you assume you had done?
3. What's a time you were given a responsibility you felt totally unqualified for?

Gospel (choose 1 or 2):

1. In Leviticus 10:1–3, God says, “I will demonstrate my holiness to those who are near me.” How does this statement deepen your understanding of what happened to Nadab and Abihu—and to Isaiah?
2. How does Psalm 50:21 challenge common cultural assumptions about God? In what ways do people today subtly assume that God is “just like us”?
3. What is the theological difference between saying God is morally superior to us and saying God is categorically holy? Why does that distinction matter for the Gospel?
4. Isaiah says, “I am a man of unclean lips.” Why do you think he identifies his lips specifically? What does that suggest about how holiness exposes sin?
5. Pastor Adam made the point that holiness and love are not competing attributes in God. What are the dangers in separating them? How does viewing them together deepen your worship?
6. How does James 4:6-8 help interpret both Uzziah and Isaiah?

Community (choose 1 or 2):

1. Compare Uzziah’s defensive anger (2 Chronicles 26:16–20) with Isaiah’s humble confession (Isaiah 6:5). How do those two responses show up in church conflict today?
2. How does James 4:6-8 shape the tone of our conversations with one another?
3. What is the difference between vulnerability that seeks attention and confession that seeks grace?
4. How does corporate worship train our hearts differently than private worship? In what ways should a shared vision of God’s holiness shape how we sing, pray, and listen together on Sundays?
5. What keeps believers from confessing sin to one another honestly? How does remembering that “His holiness remakes us” create safety for confession?

Mission (choose 1 or 2):

1. If “the holiness that confronts us is the holiness that makes a way for us,” how should that shape the tone of our witness to others?
2. How does a deep awareness of grace change the way we say “yes” to serving?
3. What are some of the ways we experience fear of others? How does fear of people shrink when we are gripped by fear of the Lord?
4. How does worship fuel long-term obedience rather than short-term enthusiasm?
5. Where might God be saying “Whom shall I send?” in your current season of life?