

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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**Isaiah**

Holy Living

## Lesson # 5 The Commission

### INTRODUCTION

What's your most memorable commission or reenlistment ceremony?

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

#### Read Isaiah 6

*Note: Only here are the seraphim mentioned in Scripture. The Hebrew word means "to burn" and relates these creatures to the holiness of God. This is why they repeat, "Holy, holy, holy" before the throne of God. Some theologians think that the seraphim are the "living creatures" described in Revelation 4:6–9.<sup>1</sup> The book is not necessarily chronological which is more of a Greek (Western) way of explaining things. Isaiah probably received his commission before the pronouncement of "woes" but it is more dramatic to describe it now.*

1. How would you describe Isaiah's vision in your own words?
2. Why is Isaiah concerned? Vs 5 **Ex 20:19; 33:20; 1 Tim 6:16**
3. What does this imply about God's nature? His purpose?
4. The altar was used to sacrifice animals as a payment for sin. What is the significance of touching Isaiah's lips with a coal from this altar? Why does Isaiah's mouth need to be purified to get the message out? Vs. 7 Why did Isaiah's attitude change so drastically from vs. 5 to vs. 8?
5. Did God make the people blind, deaf and hard-hearted towards his message? Vv 9-10 Explain. How might God get the glory if people don't repent? **Mk 4:11-12**
6. Why didn't they get it? **Rom 10:16; 21** Why don't people respond properly today?
7. How long will Israel misunderstand the message? Vs. 11
8. What is the significance of the stump in vs. 13? **Job 14:7-9**

### APPLICATION

Are you open to God's call? What might prevent you from responding, "Here am I. Send me."?

*The sight of a holy God, and the sound of the holy hymn of worship, brought great conviction to Isaiah's heart; and he confessed that he was a sinner. Unclean lips are caused by an unclean heart (Matt. 12:34–35). Isaiah cried out to be cleansed inwardly (Ps. 51:10), and God met his need. If this scene had been on earth, the coals would have come from the brazen altar where sacrificial blood had been shed, or perhaps from the censer of the high priest on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:12). Isaiah's cleansing came by blood and fire, and it was verified by the word of the Lord (Isa. 6:7).*

*Before we can minister to others, we must permit God to minister to us. Before we pronounce "woe" upon others, we must sincerely say, "Woe is me!" Isaiah's conviction led to confession, and confession led to cleansing (1 John 1:9). Like Isaiah, many of the great heroes of faith saw themselves as sinners and humbled themselves before God: Abraham (Gen. 18:27), Jacob (32:10), Job (Job 40:1–5), David (2 Sam. 7:18), Paul (1 Tim. 1:15), and Peter (Luke 5:8–11).<sup>2</sup>*