

Sermon: Worshiping the Holy King.
Series: *The Heart of Worship.*

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8.
Date: May 3, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) A.W. Tozer said, "What comes to mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you." How do you tend to see God (drill sergeant, absent father, Santa figure...)?
- b) Mark said, "To know this God (of the Bible) you must confront his holiness and let it change you." In what ways has a vision of the holiness of God transformed you?
- c) How does Isaiah's vision of God both fascinate and frighten you? Appeal to you and terrify you? How does it bring you comfort and discomfort at the same time?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Upon seeing the holiness of God, Isaiah declares woe is me? In what ways does being in the presence of God cause you to see the weight of your sin?
- b) Isaiah went from "woe to you" (ch.5) to "woe is me" (ch.6). What are some ways that we tend to compare ourselves with the holiness of others instead of the holiness of God?
- c) Isaiah calls his lips unclean. His lips would be his identity as a preacher, even his righteousness. Why do we need to repent of both our unrighteousness and our righteousness when confronted with the holiness of God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In what ways does Isaiah's cleansing in verses 6-7 point ahead to the cleansing offered through Jesus Christ and the cross?
- b) Do you still struggle to forgive yourself or someone else? Read v.6-7 again. How does full forgiveness and atonement allow you to live free from guilt and unforgiveness?

APPLICATION

- a) Verse 8. Isaiah goes from "woe is me" to "send me." How do you think he made that transition internally? Have you made that transition in how you see yourself? Have you committed your life to God to go where he sends you?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge the holiness of God – his perfections, transcendence, and "otherness."
- Confess your own "lostness." Confess both unrighteousness and (self)righteousness.
- Thank Jesus for taking our "woe" on the cross and for being the cleansing of God for our lives.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the right view of yourself as forgiven and cleansed and a heart willing to go wherever God sends.