

Consider It

What is the political situation in which this takes place, and what might the people be feeling about their stability and security?

What does the description of this scene tell us about the kingdom of man and the kingdom of God?

How does Isaiah respond to the glimpse of God's glory, and what does God do about it?

Isaiah's commission isn't a direct command, but it seems more like an open appeal. Why do you think this might be?

How does Isaiah's response, "Here am I, send me" posture him for the work that God has for him?

Why do you think God gives the appeal before the actual nature of the work?

What is the nature of the work that Isaiah is called to do?

Look at these quotations of Isaiah's call. How are they applied in the New Testament context?

- Matthew 13:10-17
- Romans 10:14-21

What would you say to someone who says it's not fair that God is giving a message of repentance that will accomplish the purpose of deafening ears and hardening hearts?

Live It

What will it take in your life to pray this dangerous prayer with Isaiah to be available to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom?

Who are the people in your life that you can continue to reach with the Gospel, even with a stay-at-home order? (See the command to the healed demoniac in Mark 5:18-19)

Dangerous Prayers

"Here Am I, Send Me"

Isaiah 6:1-13

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

Followers of Jesus are those who respond to the call of the Lord by making themselves available to serve Him

1) Send Me: An Open Invitation to God

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
Luke 6:46 (NIV)

2) Send Me: Counting the Cost

"Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: 'You will listen and listen, yet never understand; and you will look and look, yet never perceive.'"
Matthew 13:14 (NIV)

3) Send Me, in a Time of Stay-at-Home Orders

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."
Mark 5:18-19 (NLT)

4) Send Me: The Glimmer of Hope in Darkness

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

Dangerous Prayers

Discussion Guide
"Here am I, Send Me"
Isaiah 6:1-10

Read It

Read Isaiah 6:1-10 together aloud.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹ He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving." ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." (NIV)

Open It

Think about a time in which you committed to more than you realized. How do you think you would have processed the decision if you knew at the beginning what you knew later?