

Face To Face

Isaiah (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

The holiness of God draws us in, to set us apart and to send us out.

Key Scriptures

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16 NLT

It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Isaiah 6:1

They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. Isaiah 6:3-4 NLT

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:8 NLT

In our desire to attract, we are tempted to be a mirror rather than a lighthouse.

We are to be set apart:

1. Set apart in what we put out.

Be gracious in our speech. The goal is to bring out the best in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out. Colossians 4:6 MSG

2. Set apart in what we take in.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Phillipians 4:8 NLT

3. Set apart in what we commit to.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to open all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

Start talking.

- How has the local church and Jesus followers become mirrors?
- Why has that happened?
- What hang ups might there be toward "holiness"?

Start thinking.

- Read 1 Peter 1:15-16. As a pastor, what is Peter calling us to?
- Read Isaiah 6:1. Why is it important to know some of Uzziah's context?
- What is the meaning of the long train?
- Read Isaiah 6:3-4. Why does the repetition of the angelic beings matter?
- Read Isaiah 6:8. After all he had witnessed/experienced how else might Isaiah have responded? Why did he respond as he did?

Start sharing.

- How have you viewed holiness?
- In what ways have you given ground on reflecting the culture around you?
- Read Matthew 5:3-12. How are those instructions counter culture? Why would living by those set you apart?
- What prevents us from fully adopting these values?

Start doing.

- Practically identify at least one way you will choose to be set apart in what you put out, take in, and commit to this week.

Closing prayer.

Jesus, we praise you as the Lord of Heaven! High and seated on your throne. We declare you are Holy, Holy, Holy! Help us Lord to embrace your holiness. Help us to live courageously as lighthouses, holy and set apart for your purposes in all that we do. Amen.