

GABC WED Night Discussion Guide

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Isaiah 6

1. Have you ever had to deal with a great disappointment in your life?
 - a. Where are some places we tend to go other than God when we are struggling with disappointments?
2. 2 Chronicles 26:16-23 explains the reason for King Uzziah's death.
 - a. The Bible tells us that when he had grown strong his pride over powered him.
 - i. How can our success lead to us not trusting God like we should?
 - ii. How could Uzziah have guarded his heart against this pride?
 - b. Uzziah's failure affected the entire nation not just him.
 - i. The same is true of the times we don't guard our hearts.
 1. How does knowing that our sin affects others change the way we avoid it?
 - c. What is the danger of putting too much trust in another person in place of God?
 - i. Do you think it's fair to hold people to a standard that is impossible to meet?
 - d. What does Uzziah teach us about being self aware and sticking to the role that God has given us to play?
3. Isaiah 6:1 tells us how Isaiah responded to his disappointment.
 - a. He saw the Lord.
 - i. How can we see the Lord when we find ourselves in the middle of discouragement?
 - b. With the Lord sitting on His throne what does this tell us about our trust in earthly rulers?
 - i. How can we trust God as your true king?
 - c. Isaiah also tells us that the Lord's throne is high and lifted up signifying His ultimate authority.
 - i. Why does this provide us comfort?
4. Isaiah 6:2-4 describes the scene around the Lord.
 - a. What would you think if you saw these seraphim?
 - i. Does their response to God teach us how we should respond to Him?
 - b. When they cry out that He is Holy, Holy, Holy, they are describing God's complete and total difference from us or any other being.
 - i. Does this give you comfort? Why?
5. Isaiah 6:5 records Isaiah's response as he see God for who He is and then sees himself for who Isaiah truly is.
 - a. How does worship reveal our sinfulness to us?
 - b. Why is this the right response to encountering God's glory?

- i. What happens when we refuse to admit our guilt?
 - c. What does Isaiah mean by the fact that he dwells among a people with unclean lips?
 - i. What can we learn from his confession of sinfulness on behalf of the whole nation?
- 6. Verses 6 and 7 show us how God responds to Isaiah's brokenness.
 - a. God provides forgiveness for Isaiah before Isaiah can do anything to earn it.
 - i. How does this bring comfort to the soul of someone who realizes their sins?
 - ii. We are called to simply trust God's grace for us in our sins. What causes us to forget this truth? Isn't this what Uzziah had done?
 - iii. What does this look like in our lives today?
- 7. Isaiah responds to God's call in verse 8 with a simple submission to God's will.
 - a. How can worship drive us to serve God fully?
 - b. Have you ever thought about the connection between worship and service to the Lord?
 - c. What are some limits we try to put on God's call on our lives?
 - d. Do you think we ever try to sit next to God on His throne? When are we most tempted to do this?
- 8. Read the rest of chapter 6.
 - a. What do you think of Isaiah's mission?
 - b. Would you enjoy doing what God is calling him to do?
 - c. What's the difference between Isaiah's call and the call that Jesus gives us?
 - i. Think about the promise Jesus gives versus the judgment that God declares here.
 - d. What are some similarities between Isaiah's culture and our current culture that we live in? Do you think there people with the same stubborn mindset as the people of Israel had?
 - i. How can we work to get them the gospel as well?
- 9. How can we commit to keeping our eyes on the Lord in days of disappointment?