



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of March 22, 2026

Isaiah 6:1-9

[1] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" [4] And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." [8] And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

1. Why do you think it's important for Christians to recognize that we have a King? Do you think most Christians live this way? Explain.
2. *God's holiness* means that He is different from all of creation. He is the eternal, omnipresent, all powerful Creator, and everything else in the universe is part of His time-and-space-bound creation. If mankind were to really take to heart *God's holiness*, how do you think the world would be different? Sadly, why do you think humanity will never view God this way?
3. How does the Bible emphasize God's holiness in Isaiah 6? Does the thought of God's holy presence make you feel small? Does His holiness shake you to your foundation as portrayed in v.4? Why is it important for Christians to feel small in God's presence and be fearful of His holiness?
4. What did God do or say to cause Isaiah to come undone and dread his own sinfulness? How does a real and accurate understanding of God's holiness expose our sin, especially our idolatry?
5. Isaiah's deep sorrow over his sinfulness led to the angel touching a burning coal to his lips. In doing so, Isaiah's guilt was removed and his sin atoned for. Why must salvation start with a recognition and despair over our sin?
6. Holiness does not come easy. God doesn't promise us a pain-free life but He does promise to make us holy along life's difficult path. How do trials and suffering help us in our sanctification? How do God's many promises help us through life's dark valleys?