
God's judgment should impact how we live our lives, not because we are condemned, but because we have been shown grace rather than the judgment we deserved.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Context of the passage: In chapter 6, God calls Isaiah to his ministry of proclaiming judgment against Israel. He tells him that the people will not listen because their hearts are far from God. But there is good news. Even though Isaiah is accurately describing himself and his people as unclean, God will provide a way for their redemption.

READ: Isaiah 6:1-5

1. Vs 3 - The Seraphim had a front row seat to God's glory. How did they respond? By reverent worship. They specifically praised God and declared his holiness and glory. This is a great example for us. When we clearly see God's nature, we respond in worship. What are some other characteristics of God that we should both remember and worship God in response to?
2. Vs 5 - Isaiah rightly saw that not only did he come from a people who were unclean and sinful, but he himself was also unclean and sinful. Why is it so important that we see sin as a problem in our own lives as well as a problem out in the world?
3. Vs 7 - Isaiah was right in confessing his sinfulness before God, who is a holy and righteous judge. Rather than ignoring Isaiah's sin, God did something vastly better: he said, "Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." How does this amazing passage point towards Jesus?
4. We see in this throne room scene that God is both a righteous Judge and merciful. God is not either or; He is both. Why is it so important that we remember that God is both a righteous judge and merciful?

READ: Isaiah 6:8-13

5. Isaiah was given a very difficult task of being sent out to a people, Israel, whom God knew would not listen to his message of repentance. Regardless of their response,

Isaiah was to be faithful and warn the people of God's righteous judgment. Isaiah's role was messenger. God's role was that of judge. How do we keep ourselves from playing the role of judge that is not ours to take?

6. Isaiah was given an extremely difficult task of preaching repentance to the nation of Israel, which would never listen. He knew this from the very beginning. Yet he still faithfully obeyed God. What should this teach us about what it truly means to obey God?

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