



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you got to own a farm animal,
what would it be and why?*

1. Read **Matthew 18:1-4**. Jesus asks us to “turn from (our) sins and become like little children.” Have you taken these steps? If so, how has this looked in your life? If not, what’s keeping you from saying your own personal ‘YES!’ to Jesus today?
2. Read **Isaiah 6:1**. Pastor Tony stated that, “Amidst chaos, God’s on the throne. Our Father is authoritative and superior...” What can that mean for you?
3. Continue reading **Isaiah 6:2-5**. Pastor Tony explained “Seeing God as He truly is forces you to see yourself as you truly are.” What is God showing you about yourself and what steps do you need to take as a result?
4. Read **Isaiah 6:6-8**. Pastor Tony reminded us that, “Isaiah’s answer was immediate without knowing any details.” He was all in! What is it about God that motivates you to do the same?
5. Pastor Tony showed that “you can get back into the swing of things” when we *look up* (discover Who God is), *look within* (accept who you are), and *look around* (seeing the people around us for who they are). Where is God asking you to *look* this week and how will you respond to what you see?

Day One: Psalm 53

Day Two: Proverbs 22

Day Three: 1 Samuel 4

Day Four: Isaiah 53

Day Five: Acts 25

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Professor Grant Horner’s Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS

**“MY DAD IS STRONGER
THAN YOUR DAD”**

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Jesus isn't telling us to be _____, but _____.

- Notice and _____ what He says gets in the way of that.
- _____ isn't just about us turning our backs on God, but also turning our backs on the _____. He alone offers us. (**John 10:10**)

What if Jesus came to...

- ...reset your corrupted soul and your _____ soul?
- ...save you from sinful thinking and _____ thinking?
- ...restore you to the Father and live in _____ of the Father?

"My DAD is stronger than your Dad."

Isaiah 6:1: 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.

- No _____ authority figure (great or horrible) is _____. (Phew!)
- Amidst chaos, God's on a _____. What can that mean to you?
- Our Father is _____ and _____...which we can either deny and ultimately _____ apart from Him or accept and ultimately experience _____ with Him.

Isaiah 6:2-4: Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 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.

- These _____ angelic "_____ ones" are a mystery to us, perhaps appearing twice in the Bible (see **Revelation 4:8**).
- Seraphim don't look at God _____, even with Him there.
- "Holy, Holy, Holy" is a "trisagion" - passionate, _____ Truth-telling that God is "_____" and the whole earth is filled with His glory. (Do you _____ this?)
- Our Father is unmatched and _____. (STOP. WAIT.)

Isaiah 6:5: Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

- Seeing God as He truly is forces you to see yourself as you truly are. How do you feel about that?
- Why a focus on lips? They can be full of _____ and _____ tales.
- Until we're _____ by God, we can't be made _____ by God.
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- Isaiah's "_____ " confession becomes a _____ to God.
- God's character desires _____ (not extermination).
- The Lord doesn't want guilt or shame to _____ you either.
- When _____ isn't on your mind, it's on His.
- Our Father is graciously _____.

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**)

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- Our Father is expansively _____.

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- Like Isaiah, take a look _____. ("Who are You _____?")
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- Like Isaiah, take a look _____. (Who are they _____?)

Don't miss this...

When you see the _____ you see the _____. (**Revelation 22:3-4**)

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