

SUNDAYS

8:45

10:30 AM



SEE THE FIELD

NOT ON MY RADAR



BUT IN HIS FIELD

New Sermon Series



Isaiah 6:1-8 New Living Translation

Isaiah's Cleansing and Call

6 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. ² 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. ³ 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!”**

⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

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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.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”

⁸ 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 6:1–8 shows us that God wants to:

1. Reveal Himself to us
2. Cleanse us from our past
3. Send us on mission

**We weren't just saved from our sin; we were saved
for His mission.**

We were saved from:

- sin
- shame
- guilt
- condemnation
- addiction
- hopelessness
- our past
- an eternity separated from God

What were you Saved For?

He rescued you so He could send you into the field.

You weren't just saved from something. You were saved for something.

Isaiah 6:1–8 gives us four movements:

1. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF

2. WE RECOGNIZE OUR NEED

3. GOD CLEANSSES US

4. GOD SENDS US

That's the pattern.

REVELATION → RECOGNITION → CLEANSING → COMMISSION

❑ GOD WANTS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO US

Isaiah begins:

“I saw the Lord...”

Isaiah sees:

- God's holiness
- God's glory
- God's authority
- God's greatness

Mission begins with an encounter with God.

When we see God clearly, we begin to see people differently.

❑ WHEN WE SEE GOD, WE SEE OURSELVES DIFFERENTLY

Isaiah responds:

“I’m doomed! I’m a sinful man.”

The closer Isaiah gets to God's holiness, the more clearly he sees his own condition.

That's not condemnation. That's conviction.

We are not better than the lost.

We're people who have been rescued by grace.

We're not saying:

“Get your life together and become like me.”

We're saying:

“I was lost too. But Jesus found me.” We are saying,

“I wish you had the hope I have in Jesus.”

❑ GOD DOESN'T JUST EXPOSE OUR PAST—HE CLEANSSES IT

The angel touches Isaiah's lips with the burning coal and says:

“Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”

Isaiah sees God. Isaiah recognizes his sin. God cleanses Isaiah.

God wants to cleanse you from your past so your past doesn't
keep you from your purpose.

Some people are still living as though their past disqualifies them.

But Isaiah's condition didn't prevent his purpose. Grace prepared him for his purpose.

Your story isn't:

“I was perfect, therefore God could use me.” Your story is:

“I was broken, but God redeemed me.”

❑ WE WERE NOT JUST SAVED FROM SOMETHING—WE WERE SAVED FOR SOMETHING

God asks: “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?”

Isaiah says: “Here I am. Send me.”

After the revelation. After the recognition. After the cleansing. Then comes:

THE COMMISSION.

We weren't saved just to:

- attend church
- sing songs
- hear sermons
- feel better
- go to heaven

We were saved to represent Jesus to a lost world.

❑ IF JESUS LOVES THE LOST, SO WILL WE

Luke 19:1–10

“Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he.”

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus.

Everyone else sees: A tax collector. Jesus sees: Someone who needs Him. Everyone else sees: A sinner.

Jesus sees: Someone worth pursuing.

Luke 19:10 says: “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

If Jesus loves the lost, so will we.

We exemplify His heart when we reach people who are far from God.

If the people Jesus came to seek don't matter to us, something is wrong
with our understanding of Jesus.

❑ IF THEY MATTER TO GOD, WHY DON'T THEY MATTER TO US?

Jesus looked at Zacchaeus and saw someone worth pursuing.

If they matter to God, why don't they matter to us?

If Jesus died for them... Why don't we care about them?

If heaven celebrates when the lost are found... Why aren't we looking for them?

If Jesus came to seek them... Why have we stopped seeking them?

The two tragedies:

The greatest tragedy is that people are lost and may not find Jesus.

But there is another tragedy:

The second greatest tragedy is that Christians have stopped looking for
them.

☐ GOD HAS MADE US HIS REPRESENTATIVES

2 Corinthians 5:20 New Living Translation

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

God says:

"Who will go?" Isaiah says: "Send me."

Paul says: "We are Christ's ambassadors."

We are sent people.

Your field is wherever God has placed you.

God may have strategically placed you there because someone in that field needs Jesus.

They're not on my radar, but they're in His field.

❑ WE MUST BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT THE MISSION

Colossians 4:5-6 New Living Translation

⁵ Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Evangelism requires intentionality and the right response.

(gracious and attractive=Truth in Love)

Don't simply pray: "God, save somebody."

Pray: "God, use me to reach _____."

Don't simply ask:

"Who needs Jesus?"

Ask:

"Who have You placed in my field?"

❑ PRAY FOR OPENINGS TO TELL YOUR STORY

1 Peter 3:15

Peter says:

“And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.”

PRAY FOR THE QUESTION.

Every morning:

“God, give me an opportunity today to tell someone where I find my hope.”

Don't miss the moment.

That's your opening.

You don't have to preach a sermon.

Tell your story.

We don't need to manufacture opportunities; we need to recognize the opportunities
God gives us.

SUNDAY



NOVEMBER
1st

Joint Service
8:30 AM
DCS Football Field

Sunday November 1st

FALL FESTIVAL
[AT] DISCOVERY CHRISTIAN CAMPUS
111 WESLEY CIRCLE, FLORENCE
5-7PM

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Community Event

Games
Prizes
Candy
Cake Walk
ALL FREE!!

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available for meal &
snack purchases.





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THE RADAR SHIFT

Before: “What's in it for me?” “Who is going to serve me?”

After: “Who can I reach?” “Who can I serve?”

Before: “I hope someone invites them.”

After: “Maybe God wants me to invite them.”

Before: “They're not my problem.”

After: “They're in His field.” and “They are on my radar and on my prayer list.”

Before: “Someone needs to tell them about Jesus.”

After: “Maybe I can share with them that Jesus is the source of my hope.”

They're not an interruption.

They're an opportunity.

They're not a problem.

They're a person.

They're not someone else's responsibility.

They're in my field.

And if they matter to God...

THEY MATTER TO ME.

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME.