Here Am I, Send Me

When God Asks: Who Will Go? · Isaiah 6:1-8

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OVERVIEW

This sermon draws from Isaiah 6:8, where the prophet responds to God's call with immediate willingness. The message challenges believers — especially young people — to stop waiting for someone else to fill the role God has specifically designed for them, to recognize the enemy's tactics of distraction and destruction, and to pursue genuine faith rather than mere Christian culture.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God's call is personal and strategic. He does not send people randomly — He commissions specific individuals with heavenly authority to reach specific people and places that no one else can reach.
2. The enemy does not primarily come to destroy outright. He comes to distract, to steal peace and joy quietly and stealthily, and to gradually pull believers away from the presence of God.
3. Encountering the glory of God produces humility before it produces calling. Isaiah did not volunteer out of confidence in himself — he volunteered after being overwhelmed by the majesty of God.
4. You are not here by accident. Your existence is statistically extraordinary, and God knew you and had thoughts toward you before you were born.
5. There is a critical difference between Christian culture and genuine Christian faith. One produces familiarity with the forms of worship; the other produces the fire of the Holy Spirit that cannot be contained.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening — Getting to Know the Text

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 together as a group. What stands out to you about Isaiah's response to God's question? What do you notice about what happened to Isaiah before he was ever asked to go?
2. The preacher pointed out that God asks "whom shall I send" and then adds "who will go for us." What do you think is the significance of that phrase "for us"? What does it suggest about the kind of

authority and purpose behind the call?

Going Deeper — Personal Reflection

1. The preacher described a tendency to disqualify ourselves before God even gets the chance to qualify us. Have you ever talked yourself out of something you believed God was calling you to do? What was the reason you gave yourself?
2. The sermon drew a parallel between ancient Israel's drift into idolatry during seasons of blessing and the way believers today can be surrounded by church culture while quietly being shaped more by the world. Where do you see that tension most clearly in your own life?
3. Isaiah's first response to the presence of God was not confidence — it was "woe is me." Why do you think humility and an awareness of our own unworthiness is a necessary starting point before a genuine call can be received and accepted?
4. The preacher described John 10:10 and broke down three specific words — to steal, to kill, and to destroy. Thinking about your own life, which of those three tactics do you feel the enemy has been most effective at using against you, and why?

Pressing In — Honest Conversation

1. The preacher asked three pointed questions toward the end of the message. Take time to discuss each one honestly as a group:
   - Are we raising true Christians, or are we only building up Christian culture?
   - Are we the watchman on the wall, or are we merely watching the wall?
   - Are we preparing to go, or are we positioning ourselves to stay comfortable?
2. The sermon emphasized loving people without endorsing sin — reaching toward the person even when you disagree with how they are living. How do you personally navigate that tension? Where does it feel most difficult?
3. The preacher shared that God led him to church, to pastors, and to ministry during some of the darkest seasons of his life — not because he sought those things, but because God was already positioning him for a future call. Can you identify moments in your own story where God was clearly at work before you were even aware of it?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This Week, Choose One or More of the Following:

- Set aside time each morning this week to begin with a posture of humility before God — acknowledging your need for Him before you ask for anything or move into your day. Keep it simple. The point is the posture, not the length.
- Identify one person in your life who does not know the Lord and who is in a field that only you have access to — a coworker, a classmate, a neighbor, a family member. Pray specifically for that person every day this week and ask God to show you one practical way to show them genuine love.
- Examine your personal worship life honestly. Ask yourself whether your engagement with God is dependent on the right song, the right atmosphere, or the right emotional conditions. If the answer is

yes, spend time this week worshiping in a setting that strips all of that away — alone, quietly, without music — and see what remains.

- Revisit Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:29-30, which speak to God's foreknowledge and intentional design for your life. Write down what those passages mean to you personally and bring your reflections to share with the group next time you meet.
- If you have been sitting on a calling, a ministry opportunity, or a step of obedience that you have been putting off, bring it before God this week and ask Him to give you the courage to say, "Here am I, send me."

CLOSING PRAYER FOCUS

Close your time together by praying over these three areas:

1. That each person in the group would encounter the genuine presence and glory of God — not just the culture of Christianity — and be changed by it.
2. That God would make clear to each person the specific field, person, or purpose He has uniquely positioned them to reach.
3. That the group would grow in its willingness to go — not waiting for someone more qualified, more polished, or more prepared — but responding with the simple, willing answer of Isaiah: here am I, send me.

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