Sent

This passage is a sort of worship report. Isaiah's engagement in this moment has lead to an encounter with Yahweh causing him to not only adore God, but to recognize his need for God's purifying work. He hears God's voice and responds. At the end of each worship experience at Table Life Church we are "sent" with a blessing and a commission to serve. What does it mean to be "sent" from worship? How is a sending different from a dismissal? Once we encounter this God of grace can we just leave?

How Long?

Many times preachers and missionaries stop at verse eight. They appeal to our devotion to God and ask us, "can God send you?" "Here am I, send me." It's like the image of kids picking kickball teams on the playground, saying "pick me, pick me." However, when we read on a few more verses the exuberant Isaiah sounds more hesitant. The outcome of his ministry may be less than positive. His message is to figuratively and, in some cases, literally "burn the nation to the ground." Sometimes people get crucified. Does successful service for God have to end "happily-ever-after?" How do we interpret outcomes that seem to not fit the cultural concept of success?

Proof of Being

Like Isaiah we often live in the tension between God's declaration of who we are and the evaluation of those around us. How we spend our time could be one indication of how we see ourselves. The value of what we do here, in worship, is only discovered by what we do outside of here. However, Isaiah suggests that what we do outside of worship could be more about being than doing. How do we evaluate our "worth?" Do we use a productivity model or a grace model? Do we demonstrate success through facts and figures or through consistently living our declared status? Is the value of our worship only discovered by what we do outside of worship?

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February 14TH Senior/Retiree Luncheon 12PM

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Order of Worship
10 February 2019
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13
Sermon Series: Identity
Sermon Four: Sent

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

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COMING SOON

Feb10 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:25AM
Feb 12 Team and Board Meeting	6:30PM
Feb 14 Senior/Retiree Luncheon	12:00PM
Feb 23-24 LEAD at Table Life Church	TBD

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Sermon Reflection Guide

Isaiah 6:1-13

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting
on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled
the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him;
each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and
with two they covered their feet, and with two they
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 The pivots[a] on the thresholds shook at the voices of
those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And
I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean
lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my
eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal
that had been taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. 7 The seraph[b] touched my mouth with it and
said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has
departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the
voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who
will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" 9 And
he said, "Go and say to this people:
'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.'
10 Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed."
11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:
"Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
12 until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
13 Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."
The holy seed is its stump.

Question for Everyone

1) I always live exactly what I believe. I live by the motto, "what you see is what you get," I am that true to my values. 10) I talk a good talk, but I feel like walking the walk is something that I rarely succeed at. Where are you on this scale.

Divine Dilly-Dally

In Isaiah's time and place, much like ours, there were many things competing for God's time. The king had died and the nation was in political upheaval. Judah was in jeopardy of being overrun by outsiders. Internally, there were social and economic problems dividing the nation but Isaiah took time to dilly-dally in the temple. Worship has been called a "royal waste of time." At some point in our lives we all have secretly thought, "there is so much that needs my attention should I really take time to worship this morning?" Why are you here? What is your motivation to be here? Do you have other things you "should" be doing? What does it mean to "hang out" with God and His people?

Worship Reminds Us

When Isaiah experienced this astonishing encounter with Yahweh in Temple worship, the overwhelming presence of God caused him to declare his fallen depravity. This Epiphany season Pastor Rob has led us through texts that have helped us see we are beautiful, strong, and delivered. The question for us each week is how we live into that reality that God has poured into us. Worship is that opportunity for us to not only offer ourselves in praise and adoration to Christ but to experience His loving gaze upon us as we bless him. As you participate in worship today, who do you see in the reflection of your worship mirror? Are you able to envision God smiling back at you?