



Sermon Notes and Study Questions

Seismic Shifts: From Me to God

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;

the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

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!”

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

Notes:

Introduction: We are all near-sighted

- Spiritual Myopia

The Gracious Intervention of God

- The Year that King Uzziah died
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Woe
- Grace and More Grace

The Danger of Myopic Living

- “What comes into our minds we think about God is the most important thing about us.” A.W. Tozer
- Small gods = many fears

Worship: The Practice of Seeing God as He is

- Question:
- Be Clear on the Goals of Worship
- Practices to help us Grow as Worshipers
 - Prepare for Worship
 - Expect God to Meet You
 - Enter into Worship

Conclusion: Live a Life of Worship

Discussion Questions:

1. Share with your Life Group about a time when you had a tangible experience of God's presence and power in your life?
2. In your own experience, what are some of the practical dangers of spiritual myopia (having a smaller vision of God and the world and/or too great a focus on self)?

3. Mark the spot on the line that best describes where you think you are right now, where towards the left means that you world centers around you and the right indicates that God is the center of your life.

ME _____ GOD/Jesus

What are specific reasons for placing the mark where you did?

How do you think spiritual myopia has impacted your assessment?

4. Reread Isaiah 6:1-8. What stands out to you about this passage?

In what ways can you see God giving Isaiah this revelation of God's presence and holiness as an act of grace (God blessing Isaiah with undeserved kindness and mercy)?

5. Share some specific ways Jesus helped you see God more clearly and changed the way you live a more God-honoring life.
6. What are the two main goals of our worship services at West Side, as described in the message? How do these two goals reflect the Greatest Commandment (see Mark 12:29-31)?
7. What stood out to you as some of the practical ways that you might grow as a worshipper?
8. What obstacles could really get in the way of implementing these practical steps of growing as worshippers?
9. Making the shift from "Me to God" is accomplished through a series of small decisions made regularly and often. It is about living a life of worship. It is gracious but not easy. How Isaiah 6 does:9-13 build this realistic expectation that doing God's will may not be easy or comfortable?
10. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How does this passage also help us see that the shift from "Me to God" isn't going to be easy?
11. What do you think God is hoping that you will take away from this study of His Word?
12. How can we pray and encourage one another to run with perseverance the race marked out for us?