



## Week 4 - He Deserves Our Worship

### Isaiah's Worship Vision

When the prophet Isaiah was called by God into ministry service, it began with an incredible vision of God's glory. This scene speaks to us about an attitude of worshipping the God who is worthy of our praise and adoration!



#### 1 - *"In an age of distraction, single-tasking is a superpower."* – Greg McKeown

What do you think of this quote? What "distractions" in life pull your attention away from more important things? How can anxiety and worry distract our focus in times of worship and connection with God?

#### 2 - Watch the Video for Week 4 with Pastor Scott

#### 3 - Scripture reading -

In approx. 760 B.C., Jerusalem was in turmoil. The Assyrian Empire was growing in power in Asia and taking control of neighboring states, including an invasion of the northern tribes of Israel and threatening Judah. Economic and social injustices meant wealthy Judeans controlled resources while working families suffered. Foreign settlers compounded these issues. King Uzziah of Judah (*included in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew*), had died after a 52 year reign, creating a leadership vacuum and uncertain future in a time of major transition. (*Any of this sound familiar?*)

**In this anxious season, God appears and speaks through Isaiah...**

**Read Isaiah 6:1-8** - Knowing the issues facing Jerusalem, how would Isaiah's vision provide comfort and stability to the prophet and people of Judah?

- In the video, Pastor Scott noted that God is seated on a throne, so Isaiah is seeing into the **heavenly Temple** as a reminder of God's ultimate authority and power - *how does this knowledge still give us assurance today?*
- The video notes the meaning of **"the hem of His robe"** that extends to earth, filling it with glory, and how this foreshadows Jesus' earthly ministry (*cf. Matt. 9:20-22 & 14:36*). Isaiah's vision reveals the power, authority, and sovereignty of God, while also indicating His grace, mercy, and forgiveness - *how do these attributes lead Isaiah (and us!) into worship?*
- God's mercy and forgiveness is evident in the purifying of Isaiah's lips for the purpose of being prepared as a spokesperson for God. *Discuss how Isaiah's experience gives a pattern of worship - God invites us into His presence, cleanses us, calls us into service of His Kingdom, then sends us out as living vessels of worship!*

**Read Philippians 2:5-11** - Isaiah's vision foreshadows a day to come when all will worship Jesus - *Finish with a reading of this early Church worship hymn!*

**Pray for each other - are there fears, worries, or anxieties that distract you from whole-hearted worship?**

#### An Isaiah 6 Pattern of Worship:

The pattern we read about in Isaiah 6 can guide our practice as well.

Consider how this can keep our focus on God's glory:

*A vision and reminder of God's glory...*

*Being purified and cleansed...*

*Responding to God's call to go in His name...*

*Being sent out as living vessels of worship...*

