

## Isaiah 6:1-8

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 quilt 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!"

1. Imagine that God Almighty appeared at church. How do you think you would react?

2. What is the significance of the various functions of the seraph's wings?

3. What veiled references to the Trinity do you find in this text?

4. What is Isaiah's reaction to seeing the Holy One of Israel? Why?

5. In what ways are you like Isaiah? (Think Law and Gospel)

6. In v. 5, Isaiah is filled with fear. In v. 8 he is eager to serve. What caused the change?

7. Why does God need anyone to go for him?

8. Put yourself in the shoes of a future pastor or teacher on Call Day. What thoughts and emotions are you experiencing? How would you cope?

9. What is God "calling" you to do at this point in your life?

10. What motivates you to answer God's call?

11. What can you do to provide more workers for the harvest field?