MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



<u>SEND US, LORD</u>

Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

King Uzziah ascended the throne in Israel at age 16, and ruled for 52 years, from 792-740 B.C. He was a pretty good king for most of his life. 2 Chron.26:15b says "His fame spread far and wide, for the Lord gave him marvelous help, and he became very powerful." However, vs. 16 says "But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall." He sinned against the Lord by usurping the priests and burning incense in the temple, and God struck him with leprosy, which he had until the day he died.

QUESTION?

- 1. What lessons can be learned from that ancient event that can assist us in our personal relationship with God today?
- 2. 740 B.C. was a transition time between the reigns of Uzziah and Ahab in Israel.
- 3. What kind of King was Ahab? Read his epitaph in 1 Kings 16:30, 33, and 21:25.
- 4. What would you like them to write on your tombstone?

Someone read Isaiah 6:1-4 again. Isaiah had a vision of God!

QUESTION?

- 1. What is your view of God's greatness, holiness, and power? Give examples.
- 2. Can you think of anything God is incapable of doing?
- 3. Is there anything He refuses to do?

HOLY, HOLY! HOLINESS means "morally perfect, pure, and set apart from all sin."

- 1. How does Isaiah's view of God as high and lifted up EMPOWER us to deal with our daily frustrations, society's pressures, our personal sins, and our narrow views of God?
- 2. Is God's moral perfection able to purify us from our sins, clean up our minds and our lives, and enable us to worship Him and serve Him appropriately? How so? (Explain)

Please read Isaiah 6:5-8 again. Seeing the Lord and hearing the praises of the Angels caused Isaiah to realize that he was sinful before God and had no hope of measuring up to God's standard of holiness.

QUESTION?

- 1. Have you ever come to that point in your personal life?
- 2. What event caused you to come to that realization and what did you do about it?
- 3. Isaiah realized his own sinfulness (filthy lips) and that of his people, when compared to the Holiness of God. He was unworthy to speak the pure word of God.

QUESTION?

- 1. What DID God do about Isaiah's condition?
- 2. Did the hot coal cleanse Isaiah and forgive his sins, or was it God? How do you know? (Physical verses Spiritual)
- 3. Before Isaiah could fulfill the task to which God was calling him, he had to be painfully cleansed of his guilt and sin. In response, Isaiah submitted himself completely to God's service.

QUESTION?

- 1. Is God calling us to serve Him? Using Isaiah's example as our own, how do we qualify to speak for Christ?
- 2. Has allowing God to purify you ever been painful? Explain.
- 3. How did Isaiah's own experience of cleansing and forgiveness anticipate Israel's national need for forgiveness and cleansing? (Isa. 43:25, 44:22, 2 Chron. 7:14)

SEND US, LORD! "Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me'" (Isaiah 6:8, NLT).

QUESTION?

- 1. Were there any conditions on Isaiah's surrender and commitment to God?
- 2. Are there any conditions on yours?

God is saying to CMA – "Whom shall I send as messengers to the bikers of this world? Who will go for us?" God is calling CMA to tell the bikers of the world about the Grace and Mercy of Jesus Christ.

QUESTION?

- 1. Who should go? Should we say "Here we are Lord. Send us?"
- 2. Because of God's Mercy and Grace, Jesus died for you. Did He also die for the rest of the world?
- 3. Did he die for bikers? Do you owe them (bikers) anything? If so, what?
- 4. When God calls you, will you also say "Send me?"

Discuss the ministries your chapter can be involved in this season to share the Gospel of Jesus with bikers. Pray for them and your ministry to them.