DANGEROUS PRACTICES

Dangerous Service

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The life Jesus wants me to live is dangerous to the life I am living.

In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah 6:1 (NIV)

God can use significant life events to get our attention.

¹I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above 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. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:1-4 (NIV)

God gets our attention to reveal He is totally and completely holy.

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."

Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)

When we see who God is, we understand we are not holy.

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

When we see we are not holy, God initiates forgiveness.

 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

After my guilt is removed, I can hear God's continuing call to send me.

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

It is dangerous to respond to God with "Here am I. Send me!"

⁹He said, "Go and tell this people: 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' ¹⁰Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes."

Isaiah 6:9-10 (NIV)

God's calling for us will be full of challenge and unknowns.

¹⁹"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Jesus used His last words to call us to share Him with the the world.

"... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

God sends his people locally, regionally, and globally.

WHERE IS GOD SENDING ME?

- We all need to go where we live, work, and play.
- Some of us need to go in the <u>region</u>.
- Some of us need to go to the world.

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