

# XXXIX

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Isaiah

#### Main Idea

Every great move of God begins with an encounter with God. Isaiah's story reminds us that moments of pain and uncertainty can become the very places where God reveals His glory and redirects our purpose. When Isaiah saw the Lord "high and exalted," everything changed. His perspective. His heart. And ultimately, his calling. An encounter with God doesn't just inspire us, it transforms us.

In that sacred moment, Isaiah recognized both his own unworthiness and God's incredible mercy. God didn't leave him in shame. God cleansed, restored, and commissioned him. The same is true for us. When we see God clearly, we see ourselves clearly, and we begin to understand that His grace not only removes our past but also redeems our future.

This week's message reminded us that God still desires to reveal Himself, to change us from the inside out, and to send us into a world that needs His light. As we begin our discussion, let's open our hearts for an encounter with God, because when that happens, everything changes.

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."**

ISAIAH 30:21

#### Make it Practical:

##### God wants to reveal Himself to you.

- When we truly see God for who He is, everything changes. An encounter with His presence brings clarity, conviction, and awe.
- Isaiah 30:21; Isaiah 55:6

##### 2. God wants to change you.

- God's desire is not to condemn but to cleanse. He removes our past so He can redeem our future, transforming us from the inside out.
- Isaiah 1:18–19; 1 Peter 2:2–3

##### 3. God has an assignment for you.

- Every encounter with God leads to a call from God. He saves us for a purpose: To shine His light in a dark world and make a difference for His glory.
- Isaiah 6:8; Isaiah 60:1; Ephesians 2:10

## Talk About It

Isaiah's encounter with God began "in the year that King Uzziah died." This was a time of loss and uncertainty. How have you seen God use moments of pain or transition in your life to draw you closer to Him or reveal something new about His character?

When Isaiah saw the holiness of God, he immediately became aware of his own need for cleansing. Why do you think a clear view of who God is often changes how we see ourselves? What does this reveal about the role of humility and repentance in our relationship with Him?

After being forgiven and restored, Isaiah responded to God's call with, "Here am I. Send me." What might it look like for you to live with that same availability in your daily life—at home, at work, or in your church community?

**An encounter with God changes everything—how we see Him, how we see ourselves, and how we live out His purpose in the world.**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for the reminder that one encounter with You can change everything. Help us to see You more clearly, to surrender fully to Your work in our lives, and to walk boldly in the purpose You've called us to. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and fill us with Your Spirit so that we can reflect Your glory in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Next Steps

Seek God Daily.

- Set aside intentional time this week to meet with God through prayer and His Word. Ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you and to make His voice clear in your life.
- "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near." – Isaiah 55:6

Surrender What Needs to Change.

- Invite God to search your heart and show you any area that needs cleansing or surrender. Trust Him to forgive, restore, and transform you from the inside out.
- "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." – Isaiah 1:18

Say Yes to God's Call.

- Be available and willing for whatever God asks of you. Look for opportunities this week to serve, encourage, or share His light with others.
- "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?' ... And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" – Isaiah 6:8