

## **The Supremacy of God**

(Do you have an accurate view of God?)

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Last week we saw that when Job encountered God, even as the greatest man in the east, Job said, "I despise" myself for even questioning God the Father's actions. This week we heard about another "God" encounter by Isaiah. His response was very similar to Job's, as Isaiah blurted out, "woe is me." This week we learn from others who, when they came into God's presence, they saw their own weakness and sin, yet responded with joy to God's grace.

Your LIFEgroup Leader or Host will be planning a social, so be sure to bring your personal calendar so that, as a group, you can find a date and time when everyone can participate. Your leader will also be reviewing the LIFEgroup Covenant so be sure to bring your ideas and thoughts on how much time you would like to spend in prayer, in study of God's word and in worship. Next week we will be asking everyone to become a committed member of the group. For a group to be healthy and vital, it makes all the difference when group members are willing to commit to be faithful to one another and to the Lord. After all, you get out of the group according to what you put in.

### **Sharing Questions**

- 1) Who do you know that seems to live life with an accurate view of God? What is different about that person?
- 2) Have you had an "encounter" with God? What was it like? Emotional? Quiet? Loud? Overwhelming? Intellectual?

### Getting Started (questions):

In Isaiah 6, before the prophet was sent by God to communicate Divine judgment (woe) on God's rebellious people, Isaiah personally experienced his own personal "woe," in the presence of mighty God.

1. Why do you think it was important for Isaiah to realize that he was a "man of unclean lips," (Isaiah 6:5) before he became God's mouthpiece to confront a people of "unclean lips?" What implication does this have for how we communicate with one another in our LIFEgroup ministry?
2. What ministry assignment did Isaiah receive? What would be your natural response if God gave you a similar assignment?
3. Why do you think God would assign Isaiah to speak to a people whom He knew would not respond?
4. Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't want to do? How did you respond?

## Homework:

### Read: Exodus 3:1-14

- 1) Describe Moses' encounter with God. What important details do you notice about coming in contact with God?
  
- 2) How did Moses respond when God showed up? How is this similar to Job's (Job 42:4-6) and Isaiah's (Isaiah 6:5) responses?
  
- 3) What is the significance of God's description of Himself in Exodus 3:14? How is this important for those who desire to have an accurate view of God?

### Read: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

God uses people who have an accurate picture of God's greatness and a healthy understanding of their weakness and sin. Job despised himself, Moses hid his face and Isaiah responded with "woe is me." What can we learn from Paul's perspective as he reflects on his own unworthiness and God's greatness?

What would you say to someone who feels that God could never accept them or use them because of past decisions, failures and sin?

**Read: Romans 1:20**

- 1) List several ways that you see the hand of God in what He has made.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) List some excuses people give for refusing to acknowledge that God is the blessed creator of all things.

**Application (so what?):**

When Isaiah encountered God he responded with, “here am I send me.”

- 1) Is there anything holding you back from saying “yes” to God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Is there something that you sense God asking you to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What expresses your willingness to respond?