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Isaiah 6:1-8

"Here Am I. Send Me!"

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Intro: There are untold numbers of people living within a short distance of our church who struggle with a host of unmet needs: loneliness, hunger, ongoing sorrow or regret...or who have virtually no knowledge or a confused knowledge about Jesus Christ. What would it take to develop a consistently caring heart for these friends, and for the world around us with its unceasing needs? What would it take to live with a heart wide open to follow however God leads? Enter Isaiah the prophet, whose vision guides us.

I. AN UPWARD LOOK. The initiative in any faith encounter comes from God. We respond. Concern for others arises from a glimpse into the holiness and majesty and compassionate nature of God...and wanting others to experience this.

II. AN INWARD EXAMINATION Cultivating an awareness of our spiritual inadequacy, and of the Lord's grace and mercy and forgiveness.

III. THE OUTWARD FLOW Realizing the greatness of God's compassionate nature flows into a grace toward others. God does His best work through imperfect people.

*Lord God, I do not care what it costs me, or where you lead me; I do not mind how you choose to use me, or if it inconveniences me...because I no longer hold my life so dear to myself. I make my life available, Lord, as your child, to your purposes and your plans. Amen.*