

Filled & Sent

5 Stages of Living on Mission

The Christian life is about more than believing in Jesus or attending church. God wants us to know Him, be changed by Him, and join His mission. **Isaiah 6:1–13** shows this journey through five movements:

Encounter, Conviction, Cleansing, Calling, and Sending.

Encounter: Seeing God's Holiness

Isaiah encounters God on His throne, high and lifted up, while the seraphim declare, "Holy, holy, holy." Seeing God's greatness changes Isaiah's perspective and reminds him that God is greater than his circumstances.

Conviction: Recognizing Our Need

In God's presence, Isaiah recognizes his own sin: "Woe is me!" Conviction helps us see where we need to change. Unlike condemnation, conviction draws us toward God and His grace.

Cleansing: Receiving God's Grace

A seraph touches Isaiah's lips with a burning coal and declares that his guilt is removed. Isaiah's cleansing comes from God, preparing him to serve. In the same way, God's grace through Jesus forgives and restores us despite our failures.

Calling: Responding to God

God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah responds, "Here I am! Send me." God calls every believer to represent Christ, whether at work, school, home, church, or in the community. The mission field is often closer than we think.

Sending: Living on Mission

Isaiah is sent even though his mission will be difficult. Following God does not always mean easy circumstances or visible results. Our responsibility is faithfulness, not controlling the outcome. The Holy Spirit gives us courage, wisdom, strength, and Christlike character to live on mission.

Conclusion

Isaiah 6 shows a pattern that still applies today:

Encounter > Conviction > Cleansing > Calling > Sending

God wants us to encounter Him, recognize our need, receive His grace, respond to His call, and go where He sends us. We are not expected to do this in our own strength. The Holy Spirit empowers us to represent Christ faithfully.

The Christian life is not simply about being filled—it is about being **filled and sent**.

Encounter. Conviction. Cleansing. Calling. Sending.

God is still asking, “Whom shall I send?” Our response can be Isaiah’s: **“Here I am! Send me.”**

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How does recognizing God’s holiness change the way we see ourselves and our circumstances?
2. What is the difference between godly conviction and condemnation? How should we respond when God reveals areas that need to change?
3. How does God’s grace and forgiveness give us confidence to move forward despite our past failures?
4. Where has God placed you—home, work, school, church, or community—where you can live out His mission?
5. What do you need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with as you seek to live faithfully and represent Christ to others?