

SEE THE KING!

with Isaiah

'Your eyes will behold the King in his beauty (Is. 33:17)'



Handouts to help you read & understand –
for personal Bible study, reading the Bible with a friend or with a group

5th Session **THEME: Things unseen made visible**

1. Start with prayer. Then look at this icebreaker question. 10 minutes to get started

'It is good to share your faith with those who don't know God.' Do you agree? Why?/Why not? If you agree, do you practically share your faith frequently? If yes, how? If no, what hinders you?

Today we study a very exciting and important chapter from Isaiah's book. Isaiah was called to be a prophet of the law. His ministry was predominantly a ministry of announcing judgements. Though Gospel announcements are not absent in his book. In his ministry, Isaiah was very bold (as we have seen in Chapters 1-5). Today's chapter helps us understand what made him so bold. And may help us to grow in boldness as well.

2. Read Isaiah 6 twice 30 minutes to answer these questions

Look again at 6:1-7

- Are there things in this passage that strike you, or you want to ask questions about?
- The king, Uzziah, who has reigned for 52 years and provided prosperity and safety for a long time, died (see II Chronicles 26). An impressive event! But Isaiah was impressed by something/someone else. If you have to summarise that and say it in your own words: what was Isaiah deeply impressed by?
- We may not see with our eyes what Isaiah saw. Would it be possible for us to be impressed as Isaiah had been impressed? How?
- Is it important for us still to be impressed by the same things?

Look again at 6:8-10

- What strikes you in these verses?
- Isaiah had to witness, though the people wouldn't listen. Isn't that meaningless?
- Read John 12:37-40. What do you learn from that about Isaiah 6?

Look again at 6:11-13

Isaiah's ministry would announce a lot of impressive judgements. However, his ministry was limited to a certain period (it would not be forever) and to a certain amount of people (not all would be judged).

- How has Isaiah's ministry found its fulfilment?
- Is there also a ray of hope in this passage?
- We live in the time of the new covenant (see II Corinthians 3:3-18). Does this mean that the judgements and the disappointments that Isaiah would face will no longer occur in our time?

3. Apply and end with prayer. 15 minutes to make it personal and to pray

We are called to be Jesus' witnesses. Take some minutes of silence. What have you received through today's Bible study to help and equip you for your calling? Share and end with prayer.

4. Digging deeper.

These passages can be helpful: Numbers 14:21, Deuteronomy 29:2-4, II Corinthians 3, Revelation 4-5.