

5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

• Verse to Memorize: _____

• Other Passages to Read: _____

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study - writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Isaiah 6:1-8

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Ex. 33:12-23; Ps. 103:8-12; Lk. 10:23-24; Jn. 1:14; 14:9-10; Rom. 11:33-36; Col. 1:15-20; Rev. 4:1-11.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: February 3-9, 2025

1 | **PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | **READ Isaiah 6:1-8**

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

3 | **CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Isaiah was a prophet who lived in Israel in the 8th century BC, 700+ years before Jesus was born. Many of his prophecies concerned the coming of the Messiah (Redeemer). In this passage today, we're invited to look on as God calls Isaiah into the ministry for which God has chosen him. It is one of the few places in scripture where God allows a human to see him in His glory; and whenever we see this happen, the person to whom God is revealed falls apart, helpless before His Holy Presence. But wait! Colossians 1:15 tells us that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and Jesus himself said in John 14:9 that anyone who has seen him, has seen God. In Luke 10:23-24, Jesus said the prophets longed to see and hear him, but they couldn't, because it was not yet the time for him to appear.

Jesus came to us, so that we can come to God. He fulfilled all the requirements for us; we only need to trust in his finished work on the cross.

4 | **DISCUSSION**

CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. Based on v. 1, where must Isaiah have been when he saw this vision?
2. What did he see, and how did he respond?
3. How did God respond to Isaiah's humble repentance?

TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. What is God's glory, and why was Isaiah so overwhelmed to see it?
2. Can any human, no matter their religion or lifestyle, stand without shame before God's holiness?
3. Why did God ask for a volunteer? Did Isaiah know what he was signing up for?

APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Does God appear to just anyone? To whom does He reveal Himself?
2. What do I do when confronted with the reality of my sin?
3. When God cleanses a person from their sin, does He always send them into the world with the good news of His salvation?