Life Groups Discussion Guide August 25, 2019

I MUST GO Isaiah 6:8-9

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1. Think back to the first three movements in Isaiah 6: *God is Great, I Am Not, God is Good.* What has stuck with you from these messages? How has God been using them in your life?

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- 2. Read Isaiah 6:8. Why does God speak in the plural? Consult John 12:37–41 & Isaiah 9:6.
- 3. God could have commanded Isaiah to go, but instead He asks. He gave Isaiah the choice to go. Have you made the choice to follow God wherever He sends you? If not, take time to do so today. If you sense resistance to letting God send you wherever He desires, share this with your group. Pray over it.
- 4. Cleansing precedes calling. God did not ask Isaiah to clean up his life. God took the initiative to cleanse him in order to prepare him for the call. Imagine if Isaiah had responded by saying, "Thanks for saving me, but I need to get my life back on track and work harder at being a good believer before I follow your call." How do you think God would respond? How does it compare to the way you see your relationship with God?
- 5. After God cleanses Isaiah, he eagerly seizes the chance to serve God. Take a moment to reflect on your sins and all that God has saved you from. How does it make you feel toward God? How does it affect your desire to obey Him?
- 6. Read Isaiah 6:9–13. God commissions Isaiah to go and speak, not to change people's hearts. Isaiah can't manage the results he'll get, but he can manage his choice to go. When you serve God, how do you judge your success? Do you focus on your obedience or your results? Think back on the past few weeks to find a few examples.
- 7. What is God communicating to you today? In this moment as you're studying God's Word and reflecting on the sermon, what is God laying on your heart?
- 8. Where is God calling you to surrender? How is He calling you from "good things" to His better plan or best plan? Consider individual areas, as well as your life as a whole.

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- 9. What calling has God placed on your life? If you have a clear answer, share it with your group. If not, take time to pray together and ask God for clarity in what He desires for you to do. Keep in mind that God calls people to serve Him in every sphere of life, including business, school, parenting, grandparenting, being a faithful friend, politics, education or church—both locally or across the globe. God needs faithful barbers as much as He needs faithful pastors.
- 10. Consider where God has placed you in your particular family, neighborhood, school, business or social network. He placed you there for a reason. What is He calling you to accomplish? Take time to pray over these areas. As you realize what God is calling you to do, make the choice to go boldly and faithfully.