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Valley Church
Week 19 – Fear to Faith, Guilt to Grace (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Introduction:

God's faithfulness is seen in the Book of Isaiah through...

1. _____

Luke 4:18-19

2. _____

Isaiah 54:10

3. _____

Isaiah's Call from Fear to Faith, Guilt to Grace:

Isaiah 6:1-4

→ _____ (Isaiah is confronted with the truth about God and Himself)

Isaiah 6:5

→ _____ (Isaiah admits his own sin)

Isaiah 6:6-7

→ _____ (Isaiah declared righteous at the altar)

Isaiah 6:8

→ _____ (Isaiah becomes confident in his calling)

Take-Aways:

- God does not call the qualified...He qualifies the called
- As long as we have breath in our lungs, God has plans for our lives
- We will never feel truly fulfilled until we step out in faith and obey

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. How would you define or describe the idea of God's "calling" on a person's life? Have you ever felt confused about whether you have a specific calling?

Ponderings:

2. In the midst of some serious warnings of coming judgment, Yahweh graciously inserts a series of promises about the coming Christ who would provide redemption for the Jews (and the Gentiles). Read **Isaiah 9:1-7** as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...

These verses describe what will happen when Jesus physically comes to establish His reign upon the earth at His Second Coming. Why did Jesus NOT establish this fully earthly reign at His FIRST coming?

3. Think again about Isaiah's personal conversion and calling as a prophet (6:1-8). As you consider the progression from guilt to grace – in what specific way(s) can you identify with Isaiah's testimony? (Review message notes from Sunday if needed...)
4. In your Christian experience so far, do you find that you tend to be a "Woe is me" Christian or a "Here I am, send me" Christian? Why do you think this is the case? Discuss...
5. In what ways have feelings of guilt or unworthiness been a stifling or paralyzing roadblock to reaching your full redemptive potential as a conduit of God's grace and truth in this world? What does Isaiah's testimony reveal about your "qualifications" as an ambassador of Jesus?
6. If guilt, shame or feelings of unworthiness are stifling your impact as a player in the redemptive story God is writing, what steps are you taking to break out of that mind set?
7. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-14** together. How does Paul's heart of gratitude serve to fuel his confidence as one who has been made worthy by Christ?

Promptings:

8. Integrating Paul's words in 1 Timothy 1:12-14, write your own brief statement of gratitude for God's grace upon your own life...

*"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was a.....
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I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."*