



There are moments when we meet God in a new way. After these moments, we exchange a concept for an encounter. When God shows up, it's not to show us what He looks like, but to show us what He is like. In the Old Testament, God shows up to young and old, to men and women. Let's look at these encounters and ask Him to continuing showing up in our lives.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Read Isaiah 6:1. King Uzziah reigned for 52 years and his death marked a time of uncertainty for the people of Judah. What was a time of national or global uncertainty or tragedy in your life? What brought comfort to you during that time?

2 When the earthly king died off, the heavenly king shows up. Isaiah sees God on the throne, and the image tells us something important: **God is sovereign.** Is His authority more a point of comfort or tension for you?

3 Read Isaiah 6:2-4. The heavenly beings around God can't help but worship him based on a defining attribute: **God is holy.** What is significant about their praise? Why do they point to creation as a display of God's glory?

4 Read Isaiah 6:5. The prophet Isaiah is undone in the presence of a holy God. God doesn't just create what is good, right, or true - He embodies all of those attributes. Why does seeing God for who He is highlight our imperfections? Is there anything in Isaiah's despair that you find hard to relate to? If so, why?

5 Read Isaiah 6:6-7. God initiates a cleansing for Isaiah that the prophet hadn't earned or expected. In this, we see that **God shows sinners mercy.** How does this point to Jesus? How does it mirror our own spiritual transformation?

6 Read Isaiah 6:8. Only after Isaiah has experienced judgment and mercy for himself is he ready and willing to be sent on God's behalf. What part of the good news do you have a harder time sharing with people? God's holiness? Our sin? Divine mercy? Finish by praying the Holy Spirit makes your group bold to share the only message that can bring real hope to sinners in the presence of a holy god.

