

Encounter God
Discover Hope – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – March 17, 2019
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Romans 15:4 (ESV) For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1. Hope comes by seeing God's _____

John 12:41 (ESV) Isaiah said these things because he saw his [Jesus'] glory and spoke of him [Jesus].

1A. In _____ times

Isaiah 6:1 (ESV) In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

1B. Understand God's _____

Isaiah 6:2-4 (ESV) Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

2. Hope comes through _____

2A. Turn away from your _____

Isaiah 6:5 (ESV) And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:6-7 (ESV) Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

2B. Accept God's _____ to service

Isaiah 6:8 (ESV) And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

3. Hope comes by following God's _____

3A. God's plan will be _____

Isaiah 6:9-10 (ESV) And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

3B. God's plan will _____

Isaiah 6:11-12 (ESV) Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

Isaiah 6:13 (ESV) And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What kinds of situations cause people to lose hope?

Why do you think that in the last 10 years young people (12-26) showed increases of 50-70% of depression, psychological distress and suicidal thoughts?

How does Romans 15:4 show that we can have hope?

The prophet Isaiah lived in troubled times that saw the exile of Israel and spiritual and moral decay of Judah. What characteristics of troubled times make hope hard to find?

- 1A. Why do you think that the Lord showed Isaiah a vision of Himself on the throne during troubled times (Isaiah 6:1, John 12:41)?
- 1B. What was the meaning of the seraphim calling out Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:2-4, Revelation 4:8)?
- 1C. How can Isaiah's vision give us hope today?
- 1D. Why should we set our thoughts on things above, rather than things on this earth (Colossians 3:2)?

- 2A. Why did Isaiah react the way that he did to the vision of God's holiness (Isaiah 6:5)?
- 2B. What was the Lord's response to Isaiah turning away from his sin (Isaiah 6:6-7, 1 John 1:9)?
- 2C. Why was repentance necessary before God's call of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8)?
- 2D. What does Isaiah's acceptance of God's call, before he even knew what it was about, teach us (Isaiah 6:8)?
- 2E. In what ways does God call not just prophets but every believer to service?
- 3A. What do you think that Isaiah felt when God told him this message he was to proclaim (Isaiah 6:9-10)? Why was this God's message?
- 3B. Why would Isaiah's message of repentance fall on deaf ears (Isaiah 6:11-12)?
- 3C. How did Isaiah 6:13 bring hope to Isaiah in his difficult ministry?
- 3D. In what ways will we only see the complete fruit of our service to the Lord in eternity? How can this give us hope in the midst of troubles?