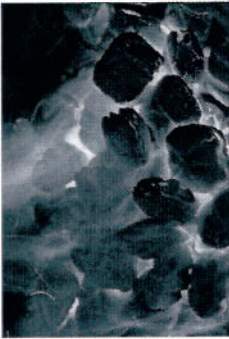


God's Story Our Story

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Isaiah's Call and Sending

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Lord, you are earnestly, repeatedly calling our name. Give us courage to respond with willingness, ready to travel the path you have set before us. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:6-8

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Isaiah is overcome by a fantastical vision of the Lord, sent just for him. He feels bewildered, unworthy, until God's messenger forgives his sin and frees him for the greatest adventure of all.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

When Isaiah is made clean, he finds himself open to God's call.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

- Sunday: *Isaiah's Call and Sending*, Isaiah 6:1-8
- Monday: *The Peaceful Kingdom*, Isaiah 11:1-10
- Tuesday: *Impending Judgment on the Earth*, Isaiah 24:1-23
- Wednesday: *God's People Are Comforted*, Isaiah 40:1-31
- Thursday: *A Hymn of Praise*, Isaiah 42:10-20
- Friday: *The Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- Saturday: *A Promise of Abundant Life*, Isaiah 55:1-13

What does God desire for God's people?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Are there prophets among us today? What prophetic message do you think God sends today?

How does God speak to you? What does God call you to do? What stands in your way of following God's call for your life? What can you do to remove obstacles so that you can continue to move forward?

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Watch your favorite TV or online news stories. Make a note of which voices speak prophetically. What are they saying? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God speak to you through prophets of today. Amen.