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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: A New Hope When The Old Hope Dies
Key Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices
Date + Speaker: September 24, 2023, Pastor Carter Conlon

Starter: How have you sensed God's presence and provision in your faith walk in Christ?

Discussion:

1. Read 2 Chronicles 26:1-21. It was a season of prosperity in Israel. As long as King Uzziah sought the Lord, He made him prosper. King Uzziah was greatly helped by the Lord and marvellously blessed. But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. Discuss how God expects us to consistently honor, worship and obey Him throughout our lives. Thank God in reverence for His goodness and love.

2. God is purely and perfectly holy, just, and loving. Isaiah got a sense of God's greatness, mystery and power in his vision. What was Isaiah's response?
Read Isaiah 6:1-3. Have you ever had a sense of God's power and majesty? Talk about how God's holiness will purify us from sin, cleanse our minds from our problems, and enable us to worship and serve.

3. Pastor Conlon said it was God who drew Isaiah to Him. "He saw a heart who was turned towards Him." Read Isaiah 6:8. Then I heard the voice of The Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here I am. Send me!" Isaiah answered God's commission to be God's messenger. Pray together and ask God to reveal to your heart where He wants you to be of service to Him.

4. Isaiah's vision of God was unforgettable. The encounter with God permanently affected Isaiah's character. Isaiah realized that he was unclean before God, with no hope of measuring up to God's standard of holiness. God forgave his sins. In response, Isaiah submitted himself entirely to God's service. Discuss how before we can be of service to the Lord, we need to be cleansed and submit to God's control.

5. Talk about how you can put into practice the insights gained from the sermon. Pastor Conlon shared the amazing journey he has had in Christ. He asked us: "*Who will be here tomorrow because of you?" "Do we let the frailties of our own heart draw us back or do we let God touch us with the coal of His mercy one more time and commission us?"*

Diving Deeper: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where He wants you to serve Him. As Pastor Conlon encouraged*: "Allow Him to present Himself not us." "It is all Christ and not us." Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we are nothing". "He will give abilities and giftings you do not naturally have." "His word, compassion, power, giftings and miracles." "Allow God to share His life through us." "Let's go!" "Let's be the people God has called us to be."*