

**6** 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>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!"

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

<sup>8</sup>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."

Worship is

The place of encounter

Where the Holy One

Apprehends you.

You confess the truth

But instead of being destroyed

You are loved

Forgiven

Invited

and sent

We are encouraged to reflect on the rest of Isaiah 6 with the questions of,

"what kind of a message was God now putting before Isaiah to speak?"

"How might it have felt to deliver this kind of a word to people?"

"What assurance could have come from having been purified and cleansed by God before being commissioned to his service?"

Then, 1 Timothy 1:12 to 17, and James 3 could be read slowly and reflectively.