

Title: Holy Dynamite: how to understand, avoid & survive it // **Scripture:** Isaiah 6

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW *5-10 minutes*

Today we looked at Isaiah chapter 6. Don't we, like the prophets, want to know God's specific calling on our lives? The calling of God is a process, marked by specific stages. Success in Isaiah's call is measured by *decreasing* numbers. So Faithfulness (not Fruit) is his grim prophetic task. We see God's reassurance to Isaiah was His presence and His work. It wasn't Isaiah's doing but God's.

THE MAIN THOUGHT *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

God's call is often unappealing and uncomfortable, but it is always accompanied by His presence and peace.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture (What is the story saying?): What was Isaiah's objection to God's calling (v.11)? What was God's reassurance and sign of confirmation to him? What was left after the devastation? What could that symbolize?

Mirror (Where am I in the story?): What aspects of such a call of God resonate with me? During hard times, what was God's reassurance to me? How have I experienced His unshakable peace?

Window (How does the story change how I see those around me?): How does knowing God's will help you fulfill His calling in faithfulness and affect your view of the hard things you're facing?

BE IT – Practice

Change UP // Exercise *5 minutes*

Pray that the God of resurrection will do His work in and through you. Be still for a minute, listening to His voice. Then share any words or pictures of confirmation He gives you.

Change IN // Group Activity *15 minutes*

Pass out a small piece of paper to each person in the group. Give everyone two minutes to write down something they're facing that seems bleak or impossible. Have everyone pass their paper to the person on their right. Give one minute of silence for everyone to pray over the paper they've received. Then go around the circle and speak words of truth and blessing to the writer of the paper you received.

Change OUT // Life Application Assignment *5 minutes*

Think of a way you can confirm God's calling and work in one person's life this week.

CLOSING PRAYER *5 minutes* May you see God clearly, hear His calling clearly, and may He help you fulfill that calling in faithfulness, trusting no matter how bleak things may appear, we trust the God who raises the dead.