



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

LESSON 1 // ATTENTION PLEASE!

Big Idea: The greater your spiritual vision, the higher level of living you'll experience. Paying attention to the reality of your vision now and addressing any weaknesses is vital to a better present and future.

From Isaiah 6:1-8 we see that when your spiritual vision improves, your life improves. We also learn that when God gets your attention, He improves your vision. That's why God requests your attention, but of course you must respond to His request and take steps to draw closer to Him.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV) *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸ 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!"*

Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned that the quality and effectiveness of our lives are directly related to our spiritual vision. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Is it easy for others to get your attention when you're in the middle of a task? Would you say you're easily distracted or focused?

Read Colossians 3:1-3. On a scale from 1-10 how would you rate your spiritual vision?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Think about how you spend your time and what you think of often. What types of things do you tend to focus on (you, approval, material things, family, work, problems, etc.)?

What specific steps can you take to frame and focus your attention on God in this new season?

Prayer Focus:

Lord, help us to fix our eyes on Jesus. When distractions come, give us strength and peace to rest in you. In Jesus' name, amen.