



DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING UP



Have you ever felt God calling or nudging you to do something? What was that like, and how did you respond to his leading in your life?

TEXT



Isaiah 6:8–9a (ESV)

8 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.” 9a And he said, “Go...”

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Big Idea: God's calling compels us to go.

1. Listen for God's calling. (v. 8)
2. Go to the world. (v. 9a; Matthew 28:18-20)

DISCUSSION



- So far in our *Send Me* sermon series, we have seen how God's holiness and forgiveness were a part of Isaiah's commissioning to be God's messenger among the people of Israel. Why do you think the view of God's holiness and the purification of Isaiah's sin were important for Isaiah to receive God's calling *to go*?
- God is calling each of us "to go." This might not mean going overseas (though for some it will)—but it certainly includes serving him to bring his love and light to the people around us. How might our perspective and attitudes change, if we saw *where we are* as *the place where God has sent us*?
- God gave Isaiah a holy message to give to the people of Israel (which we can read in the rest of the book). What message has God given Christians to share? Do you feel ready to share this message?
- The assumption of Jesus in Matthew 28 is that his disciples *will go*. Where might God be sending you?
- Jesus precludes his "great commission," saying: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go..." How does this vision of his awesome Lordship give us the energy and strength to go and fulfill our part of his great commission?

LIFE CHALLENGE



Jesus commands his people to go and make disciples of people. Where has God planted you already? How can you, under Jesus' Lordship, make disciples right where you are?

CLOSING PRAYER



Glorified Jesus, be exalted in our lives! We confess that fulfilling your great commission sometimes feels outside of our reach; sometimes, it feels outside of our abilities. Lord, use these hands to bless; use our mouths to speak goodness, love, and truth; take these feet wherever you'd have us go. If it's to the ends of the earth you'd use us, so be it; if it's reaching the ends of the earth outside our front door... we submit ourselves wholly to you for your purposes and delight. Amen.