

**Date of Sermon:** August 23, 2020

**Topic of Sermon:** *Worship is a Rhythm*

**Main Passage:** Isaiah 6:1-8, Colossians 1:15-20

**BEFORE your group meeting:**

- **Participate in Worship** in-person or online to hear the sermon you will be discussing.
  - You can also catch-up on YouTube or at [https://www.foresthill.org/en/on\\_demand](https://www.foresthill.org/en/on_demand)
- **Encourage your group members** to watch the sermon and take a closer look at the Scripture that is used.
- **Look over the questions** provided below and think through your own responses.
- **Plan your meeting.** The Dig Deeper section is great to use in your group discussion (if there's time) or you can send it out to your group members after the meeting for their personal devotion time.
- **Pray for the Spirit** to use your group discussion to encourage dynamic life in Christ in each of you.

## What's the Big Idea?

*Worship is a lifestyle. We live our lives in response to (and focused on) who God is, what He's done, and what He's doing, so it is clear what Kingdom we are part of.*

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## Get Started

- Throughout a given day or week, what demands the majority of your focus? What do you spend most of your time thinking about?
- Was there a time when you were overwhelmed in a positive way by something somebody did for you or for someone else? What happened and how did you respond?

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## Dive into the Sermon

- A considerable portion of Isaiah's writing focused on the nature of God and pointed to Christ amidst everything going on around him at the time. It is clear his focus was on God. Tim Keller contends what we think about in our private time is what we worship. Since worship should be focused on Jesus, we (like Isaiah) should have Jesus front of mind throughout our days. Given this is likely not the case for most of us, *why is it difficult for us to focus on Him? Why is it hard to see Jesus amidst the chaos of our current times? Is there an alternative?*
- In order to see beyond circumstances and find Jesus in the midst of everything, **we need an accurate view of Him.** *When you think of Jesus, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Read Colossians 1:15-20. After reading this description of Christ, what is the first thing that comes to mind regarding Him? How would having a deeper*

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*understanding of whom God has revealed Himself to be help us see Jesus by our side every day?*

- **Read Isaiah 6:5-8.** *How did God remove Isaiah's guilt and atone for his sin? As Christians, how has Christ atoned for our sins? **Focusing on verse 8**, how did Isaiah respond to what God did for him? Given who Jesus is and what He's done for us, what would an appropriate response look like for us? Is there a part of your regular rhythm within which God may be waving His arms for your attention?*

**Dig Deeper** into a Scripture Passage

*Use the HEAR Bible Reading Method to learn more what the Bible teaches us about being citizens of the Kingdom of God.*



**Bible-Reading Tip:** Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.

**Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**HEAR Bible Reading Method**

**HIGHLIGHT** the passage

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

**EXPLAIN** the passage

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

**APPLY** the passage

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God's power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

**RESPOND** to the passage

- Talk to God about what you've seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.