

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Chris Payne – New City Sermons: Welcome Home

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Read Isaiah 6:1-8 and ask God to teach you something today from his Word.

INTRODUCTION

- What year in your past stands out as one that was especially hard for you, either personally or because of uncertainty in our culture? What happened?
- How have you chosen to look back on that year?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read 2 Chronicles 26:1-5; 8, 15-23

- What do you learn about Uzziah from these verses?
- What were the strengths and weaknesses of his reign?
- What caused his tragic end?
- Judah had experienced peace and security under King Uzziah, how might his death have affected those in the southern Kingdom? How would you compare our current season and how you are experiencing it to what the people in the Southern Kingdom might have been feeling? How might the prophet Isaiah have felt about the death of Uzziah and why was this a significant year for him?

Read Isaiah 6:1

- What is the significance of God showing Isaiah himself sitting on his throne? What kind of encouragement might that have been for Isaiah?
- There are other examples from the scripture referencing God and his throne. If time allows, read 1 Kings 22:19, Psalm 9:4, 9:7, 11:4, Lamentations 5:19, Ezekiel 1:26 and Daniel 7:9. What does a throne represent and what does this teach us about God?
- How does it encourage you and change your perspective when during a fearful and insecure season you rest in the knowledge that God is still in charge and sovereign?



Read John 12:41

- God revealed Jesus to Isaiah, and he responded by:
 - Replacing his worry with awe at God's power and presence (Isaiah 6:2-4)
 - Seeing his true self as a sinner, but also seeing God's future plan of grace through Jesus (Isaiah 6:5-7)
 - Hearing the voice of the Lord over the voice of chaos (Isaiah 6:8a)
 - Lifting his hands up to serve God when others' hands were closing to serve themselves (Isaiah 6:8b)
- Which of these responses do you feel the need to ask God to help you display?
- How does experiencing Jesus change everything for us?
- How have you seen God work in the midst of our current crisis?

APPLICATION

- Chris said, "Experiencing crisis should not prevent us from experiencing Christ." How have you experienced Jesus in the past few months? What is he teaching you?
- How will you commit to experiencing our current crisis with the perspective of God being on his throne? How will you make a plan for your thoughts and actions to align with that belief?
- What will you do when fear and discouragement begin to take over?

End with a time of prayer asking God to show himself in all his authority, power and glory, and for your response to be full of trust and growth. Ask God to increase your faith and help you experience Jesus more this year.