

1. Intro
 - a. Isaiah and his call to ministry → common passage for missions
 - b. Urbana 2003 → waiting for a call, Gina sick, engaged, silence
 - c. Maybe you can relate to this struggle:
 - i. Maybe God wants you to do something → if he would just TELL you
 - d. Maybe you're new to Revolve: "Okay God. You got my attention. Now what?"
 - e. You are in a church... We like to talk about God's plan for our lives. God has a plan for all of us, how do we figure out our role in this grand unfolding story.
 - i. Who is supposed to go to China? Who is supposed to become a pastor? Who is supposed to live a "normal" life?
 - ii. What is God telling YOU?
2. *[5] And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." [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."*
 - a. The account of Isaiah's call to ministry, but from it we can learn solid principles for our own lives → "Who is called to go? Why? Where? When? With what?"
 - b. Unclean lips? → Can't sing along with the Seraphim
 - i. God purifies his lips so that now he can sing
 - ii. Beautiful picture of foundation of "going" → **Sent to Sing**
 - c. Worship is the fuel and goal of missions, explain
 - i. Isaiah didn't volunteer for XYZ reason, he went b/c of worship
 - ii. For us, we often have false reasons for serving God
 1. Give examples and why they are bad motivations (Have value, find favor, influence, guilt, "don't know what else to do")
 - iii. Instead: that people who currently curse God's name would instead sing
 - d. Isaiah realizes that he is unfit to help anyone until God has purified him
 - i. Doesn't say, "I'm great, but my neighbors are the WORST!"
 1. Bible says that we don't know love... We are at enmity w/ God...
 - ii. We become emotionally/spiritually able to help others only after we come to recognize and confess our own great need for God.
 1. 2x4 in your eye, quicksand
 - iii. Otherwise we just offer self-help advice
 1. Explain Gospel-Centered vs. sheer topical, positive thoughts
 2. Stop sharing the memes you share on facebook...
 - iv. The only thing we really can offer is God... the Gospel... life in Christ
 - v. So Isaiah is sent to sing, but he's also **Sent to Share God**
3. *[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."*
 - a. Overwhelmed with God and what He has done, Isaiah volunteers

- i. Lord of the Rings, Pippin volunteering
 - ii. Didn't know ANY details, but he felt compelled...
 - b. Our story: "Please send us" // "Where?" → Commence the Amazing Race
 - c. We didn't realize something integral: we were already sent. → explain
 - i. **You are sent.** God sends you. If you are a follower, you are sent.
 - ii. I don't mean as in, "God already told us where to go."
 - iii. I mean, the mission was already underway, we just didn't realize it
 - iv. The moment you follow Christ, he sends you out
 - 1. Every person, same mission, same calling → different details
 - d. **The question isn't if you are sent, but where you are sent.**
 - i. Think you stink at it? This terrify you? Don't know what to say/do?
- 4. *[9] And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive." [10] Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."*
 - a. What does that mean?! The people will not listen
 - i. Their lack of response further justifies God's judgment
 - b. Jesus explains people will either be drawn to or repelled by God's truth
 - c. People will hear and not get it → Don't be surprised by...
 - d. **You are sent despite how people respond**
 - i. Perhaps the hardest thing → Might be easier if EVERYONE responded
- 5. *[11] Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste*
 - a. What's my contract on this, God? Explain Isaiah's situation...and ours
 - b. **Sent until it is too late**
 - c. Until the whole world hears → locally, regionally, internationally
 - d. This is our mission → to glorify God by making disciples
 - i. Don't forget the first part → God is the ultimate goal, not disciple-making, but we bring glory to God w/ our obedience
- 6. **You are sent.**
 - a. To sing of his glory, to share the Gospel, despite the results, until the end...
 - i. Not negotiable. You'll either be obedient to it or disobedient to it.
 - b. Some are called to the ends of the earth, some to regionally, some locally
 - c. We are all called to care and & invest in all three areas...
 - i. "Desire to go, be willing to stay"
 - ii. Everyone is sent to make disciples overseas and everywhere
 - 1. Some sent physically, some send prayers, some send \$
 - 2. Have had to cancel two trips → I take responsibility for that
 - 3. We want everyone to go on a trip at some point if possible
 - iii. CR Trip details (by next week), Indo next winter
 - iv. Send your prayers, send your money, send your friends
 - d. You might be saying, "But what about me? I own a local business. I am a stay at home mom. What does it mean to be sent in my three kids & a minivan life?"

- i. *Most of what is happening in my life "revolves" around Jesus. I went to my primary care physician on Thursday to get my right ear checked out because I had shooting pain in that side of my face and ear. Whenever I am there, the doctor and I get into conversations about Christ. While there, I tried to explain to her the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us. She said, "I should have you around to answer all my questions." I went back home and got a new Bible to give her. I am going to volunteer to do a Bible study with her and her associates who work with her during one of her lunch hours.*
- ii. *My friend's father desires to go to church, but soon he will be too weak to go. I called her up and volunteered to pick them up and take them to church tomorrow morning. Today the thought of bringing him to Jesus kept going over and over and over in my mind. That is why I called to help her with her father. She no longer can drop him off and then park the car since he needs a wheelchair now.*
- iii. *Since she has to be home with her father, I volunteered to head up a Bible study on Thursday mornings at her apartment. It will just be the three of us, but who knows maybe the hospice worker will join us.*
- iv. *More and more I feel burdened to know God deeply. I think of Him A LOT. During the night when I wake up and can't fall back to sleep, I sing. When we hike or walk, I sing if we are not talking. When I am alone, I make it a retreat of sorts. I spend more time with God. I just want more and more of Him.*
- v. *I desire wisdom and understanding and ask frequently for this. I also want to be bolder for the kingdom, but even that requires wisdom especially with my extended family. Sometimes it seems easier to deal with strangers. I love you. MOM*
- e. What does it look like to be sent in your everyday life? **Being sent means living life intentionally.**
 - i. With your kids, with your spouse, with your co-workers, with your own spiritual growth.
 - 1. Christmas Invitations, share testimony, pray for someone
 - ii. The more you spend time with God, the more it will just overflow
 - iii. By the way, the whole doc office agreed to study the Bible
- f. You are sent to invite people to follow Jesus.
 - i. You go as an act of worship to make God more famous
 - ii. As you go you offer God, not something of yourself
 - iii. You go despite all the odds against you and the lack of impact
 - iv. And the calling does not end. There's no retirement.
 - v. This is what we are called to, why we're here
- g. You are sent. Will you go? **Will you live an intentional life for the glory of God?**