

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: DOMINANCE AND CONTROL VS SUBMISSION AND SERVICE

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Read Isaiah 6:1-13

1. Compare the responses to God of Isaiah to King Uzziah in 2Chron 26:16-23
 - a. What response does Isaiah have in Isa 6:5? What response does Uzziah have in 2Chron 26:16?
 - b. What does Isaiah do in 6:7? What does Uzziah do in 2Chron 17-19?
 - c. How does Isaiah see himself (Woe is me)? How does Uzziah see himself (powerful)?
 - d. What do we learn about the way God deals with the proud?
2. Why does Isaiah say he lives among a people of unclean lips? Read Isaiah 5:9-23 to see the 6 woes God pronounces against them. How are these things similar to the kinds of sin we see around us today?
3. Ron said, 'The ultimate goal of the Christian life is not control, but surrender, obedience and service'. How do attempt to control your own life rather than submit and surrender to God? Consider the areas of:
 - a. Work (promotion, recognition)
 - b. Money
 - c. Family, particularly children. Many in our congregation have grown up children, but some of them are not serving the Lord. This causes us great pain and frustration. Sometimes we even get upset with God that they do not get saved. How does this message of 'submission trumps control' apply here?