

# 5-Day Devotional: Worship That Shapes Disciples

## Isaiah 6:1-8

### Day 1 — Beholding: Worship Begins With God

**Read:** Isaiah 6:1–4; Psalm 27:4; Revelation 4:1–11

Isaiah begins his vision with these words: “*I saw the Lord...*” (Isa. 6:1). Everything else in the passage flows from that moment. Worship doesn’t begin with our feelings, our preferences, or our own initiative. Worship begins with God revealing Himself—high, holy, sovereign, enthroned.

Isaiah lived in a moment of national upheaval. King Uzziah—who ruled for 52 years—had died. The nation was unstable. Fear and uncertainty filled the land. Yet before Isaiah faced his circumstances, God lifted his eyes to see **the real King**—the King who never leaves His throne, never changes, never panics, and never fails.

This is where discipleship begins: **beholding the glory of God**. We don’t mature through willpower. We mature by fixing our eyes on the One who is “high and lifted up” (v. 1). Isaiah sees the hem of God’s robe filling the temple—just the edges of His majesty overwhelm the room. Even the seraphim, sinless heavenly beings, cover their faces in awe.

In a world full of “small gods”—success, comfort, control, distraction—worship re-sizes our vision. It reminds us that God is not like us. He is holy. He is sovereign. He is worthy.

You become what you behold.

And if you want to grow as a disciple of Jesus, it starts with seeing Jesus clearly.

#### Reflection Questions:

1. What tends to shrink your view of God during the week?
2. What helps you behold God’s greatness when you gather for worship?
3. How would your discipleship change if you began every day with “I saw the Lord”?

#### Practical Application:

Take 3 minutes today to read Isaiah 6:1–4 slowly. Write down three things it reveals about God. Start your day with who God is—not how you feel.

#### Prayer:

Father, lift my eyes to behold Your holiness and glory. Re-size my heart with Your greatness and help me worship You as You deserve. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Day 2 — Humility: Worship Confronts Before It Comforts

**Read:** Isaiah 6:5; Psalm 139:23–24; Luke 5:1–8

When Isaiah sees God clearly, he sees himself clearly. His response is not excitement or emotional uplift but collapse: “Woe is me! I am undone.” (Isa. 6:5). The holiness of God unravels the illusion of Isaiah’s own goodness.

We often think worship should immediately make us feel good. But Scripture tells a different story. When Peter recognizes Jesus’ power, he falls at His feet saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). When Job encounters God, he says, “I repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6). When John sees the risen Christ, he falls as though dead (Rev. 1:17).

This is not God crushing His people—this is God clarifying His people.  
Holiness exposes sin so grace can heal.  
Worship confronts before it comforts.

Isaiah doesn’t hide. He doesn’t negotiate. He doesn’t blame others. He confesses:  
“I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips.”

True worship creates true humility.  
No pride.  
No pretending.  
No posturing.

In a culture that tells us to affirm ourselves, Isaiah shows us the path to transformation:  
See God. See yourself. Confess honestly.

Confession isn’t the enemy of joy—it’s the doorway into it. God humbles us not to shame us but to prepare us for cleansing, forgiveness, and restoration.

### Reflection Questions:

1. When was the last time you felt “undone” in God’s presence?
2. What sins or attitudes do you tend to minimize rather than confess?
3. Does your worship reflect humility or self-assurance?

### Application:

Take 2–3 minutes of silent confession today. Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal anything that needs repentance.

### Prayer:

Lord, show me my sin so I may confess it fully and turn to You. Make my heart humble and honest in Your presence. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Day 3 — Cleansing: Grace That Comes From the Altar

**Read:** Isaiah 6:6–7; Hebrews 10:19–22; 1 John 1:7–9

Isaiah confesses—and immediately grace moves toward him. One of the seraphim flies to him with a burning coal taken from the altar, the place where sacrifice is made. The coal touches Isaiah’s unclean lips, and instead of judgment, Isaiah receives the sweetest words a sinner can hear:

“Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Notice: Isaiah doesn’t climb to God. God comes down to Isaiah.  
He doesn’t try to cleanse himself. God cleanses him.  
He doesn’t work for mercy. Mercy finds him.

This is the nature of grace: God initiates. God provides. God applies.

The altar in Isaiah’s vision points forward to Christ. The coal symbolizes the cleansing power of His atonement. Hebrews says that we now have confidence to draw near because our hearts have been “sprinkled clean” and our bodies “washed with pure water” (Heb. 10:22). That cleansing is not symbolic—it is spiritual, real, and complete.

Christians never graduate from needing the gospel.  
We don’t need the cross once—we need it every day.  
We don’t outgrow grace—we go deeper into it.

And for those who do not yet know Christ, the message is simple and urgent:  
Only Jesus can remove guilt. Only Jesus can atone for sin. Only Jesus can cleanse the heart.

Isaiah walked away forgiven.  
You can too.

### Reflection Questions:

1. Do you believe God’s forgiveness is complete—or do you still carry guilt?
2. What specific sins do you need God to cleanse today?
3. Do you come to worship expecting God to apply the gospel to your heart?

### Application:

Write down one sin or burden you’ve been carrying. Beside it, write Isaiah 6:7. Pray for the Spirit to help you truly believe those words.

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for cleansing me through Your sacrifice. Apply the gospel to my heart today and free me from guilt and shame. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Day 4 — Sending: Cleansed People Don't Stand Still

**Read:** Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 28:18–20; John 20:21

The moment Isaiah is cleansed, he hears the voice of the Lord: “*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*” And Isaiah replies, “*Here am I! Send me.*”

Grace doesn't end with forgiveness—it ends with **mission**. Cleansed lips become commissioned lips. A forgiven heart becomes a willing heart.

Notice the order: Isaiah wasn't sent because he was impressive. He wasn't sent because he was prepared. He wasn't sent because he was spiritually strong. He was sent because he was forgiven.

This is God's pattern throughout Scripture.

Abraham was blessed to be a blessing.

Moses was delivered to deliver others.

The disciples followed Jesus to become fishers of men.

The church receives the Holy Spirit to declare the gospel to the nations.

Disciple-making always flows from worship. The more clearly we see God's holiness and grace, the more ready we are to say, “*Send me.*”

Our mission begins where our worship ends—in the everyday places God has planted us: your workplace, your home, your school, your neighborhood, your friendships.

You don't need a platform to be used by God.

You just need a willing heart.

### Reflection Questions:

1. Where is God sending you this week?
2. Who in your life needs to hear or see the gospel through you?
3. Is your posture before God “Here am I—send me”?

### Application:

Identify one person in your circle who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name today and ask God for an opportunity to show or share the gospel.

### Prayer:

Lord, send me. Use my life to point others to Your grace. Make me bold, obedient, and compassionate as I join Your mission. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Day 5 — Becoming a Worship-Formed Disciple

**Read:** Isaiah 6:1–8 (again); Romans 12:1–2; Colossians 3:16

Isaiah 6 gives us the shape of gathered worship—and the shape of disciple-making.

1. **Beholding** — God reveals Himself (vv. 1–4)
2. **Confession** — We respond with repentance (v. 5)
3. **Cleansing** — God applies the gospel (vv. 6–7)
4. **Sending** — We go out on mission (v. 8)

This isn't just a pattern—this is a weekly formation process. Worship isn't something we watch. Worship is something God **uses** to shape us. It reforms our vision, our identity, our hope, and our purpose.

Worship re-forms our vision of God in a world full of small gods.  
Worship re-forms our view of self—humble, repentant, dependent.  
Worship re-forms our hope—grace applied again and again.  
Worship re-forms our mission—disciples sent into the world.  
Worship re-forms our identity—we are a forgiven, called, sent people.

This is why the local church gathers. This is why we prioritize Sunday worship. This is why we commit to being formed by the Word, prayer, Scripture, singing, preaching, and communion.

You are not shaped by accident. You are shaped by what you behold, what you confess, what you receive, and what you obey.

If you want to grow as a disciple of Jesus — you must be formed by the God you worship.

### Reflection Questions:

1. Which part of Isaiah's worship pattern do you sense God pressing on most right now?
2. How has gathered worship shaped your discipleship?
3. What habits help you carry Sunday's formation into the rest of your week?

### Application:

Commit to gathering regularly and often with your local church. Make it a priority in your life and let God shape you through consistent worship.

### Prayer:

Father, thank You for shaping me through worship. Make me a disciple who beholds You, confesses freely, receives grace deeply, and joins Your mission boldly. In Jesus' name, Amen.