



## Small Group Discussion Guide

**Ice Breaker:** School's out for many schools in the area. What are some of your favorite summer break memories?

**Instructions:** If your group meets bi-weekly complete 2 & 4.

1. This series has been about learning how to pray challenging prayers. Reflect on the past weeks of prayers. Read Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 25:15, and Luke 22:42b. What has your experience been in praying these prayers? Have any of these prayers moved you out of your comfort zone? Have you begun to see God's purposes and heart? Explain.
2. Pastor Tom explains that when God calls us we can say 3 things: Here I am . . . Read Jonah 1:1-3, Exodus 3:10-11, and Isaiah 6:8b for Biblical examples of all 3 of these. What caused these Old Testament characters to react to God's call in the way they did? Do any of the characters remind us of our own experience? Explain. God still accomplishes what He wishes despite some of the reactions of His servants. What does this tell us about God?
3. Read Isaiah 6:1a. Pastor Tom tells us the story of King Uzziah to show us where real power and authority reside. Read 2 Chronicles 26:3-5. What does Uzziah do to receive favor from God? Read 2 Chronicles 26:15b and 16 and 16-21. What changes in Uzziah's attitude toward God? How is this reflected in his actions? Many living at the time of King Uzziah may have believed that the center of political, economic, and military power was crumbling, but Isaiah was shown something contrary to that view. Read Isaiah 6:1. What was Isaiah shown?
4. Read Romans 3:10-12 and Isaiah 6:5. Pastor Tom states that the greatest myth in the world today is "I'm a good person". What are some of the examples people often use to show they are good people? How does comparing ourselves against a holy God change that view? How does our view of being a good person compare to God's? How does Grace change everything? How does it allow us to then pray, "Here I am: Send me!"

### Personal Guide for Week of June 11<sup>th</sup>

- DAY 1:** Read 2 Chronicles 27:1-9. Read how the story of Uzziah's son, Jotham, is similar and different from his fathers.
- DAY 2:** Read Jonah 1:11-2:10. Discover God's answer to Jonah when he responds, "I'm not going".
- DAY 3:** Read Exodus 4 to learn how God responds to Moses when he asks God to send someone else.
- DAY 4:** Read Romans 3:9-31. What does Paul have to say about God's grace in these verses?
- DAY 5:** Read Ephesians 2:1-10. According to these verses, what is the purpose of our receiving God's grace?

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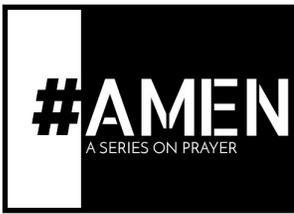
# #AMEN

A SERIES ON PRAYER

JUNE 11TH, 2017

"Lead My Life"





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**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

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How often do we pray, “God, \_\_\_\_\_ I do for You?”

When God \_\_\_\_\_ us we can say:

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2. *Here I Am: Send S \_\_\_\_\_* (note Exodus 3:10-11; 4:13)
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*#Amen (“So be it”):*

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