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Prayer Guide for Summit College



This contains a Prayer Guide that is mission focused & gospel-centered and will help Summit College students prayerfully consider how to use their summer to seek first the Kingdom of God.

City Project: [Follow Me](#)

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City Project Prayer Guide



Day 1: "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." — C.T. Studd

READ: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

REFLECT: The reason we need a ransom to be paid for us is that we have sold ourselves into sin and have been alienated from a holy God. When Jesus gave his life as a ransom, our slave-masters, sin and death and the devil, had to give up their claim on us. And the result was that we could be adopted into the family of God. We are now free. Free to lay down our lives, and to sacrifice our summers for the sake of making Jesus' name great among the nations.



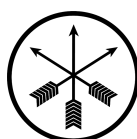
Do you believe that you need to be ransomed? Do you believe Jesus laid down his life so that you could be given life eternal with God forever? If not, repent and believe. If so, what does that mean for you and how you live your life in response to this great love?

Journal about what you are considering doing next summer. In regard to your summer what are you worried about? Excited about?

RESPOND: I want to urge you to believe in Jesus and to receive this gift of life. Pray and believe that Jesus has done everything necessary to save you. And set out to live a life that magnifies God and his rich grace as the giver of every good and perfect thing. ⁽³⁾

Go Deeper: Read John 10:1-19

(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 2: “God said to me, “My son, you are not in Vietnam because you love the Vietnamese people. You are here because I love them. I want to love them through you.” God loved the Vietnamese people before I was ever born. God loves all of the peoples of the world even from the foundation of the world.” - Dr. Sam James

READ: “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

REFLECT: During your time praying about what to do with your summer, I encourage you to give your expectations to the Lord and ask for faith to trust his plans. God is in control and he is working to bring you and those around you closer to himself. Submitting your time, dreams, plans, and efforts to God is never in vain. He promises to build his kingdom among all nations, and nothing can stop him!



Where is God asking you to have faith and to trust his plans for you life? Do you believe that submitting your time, dreams, plans and efforts to God is worth it?

Journal about this decision making process. How is God speaking to your heart?

RESPOND: Thank God for allowing you to be a part of his mission today, and ask him to help you surrender your own expectations completely to his plans for your future. Ask God to do a great work in your heart as you consider joining Him in what He is doing among the nations.

Go Deeper: Read 1 Corinthians 15
(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)

Day 3: *"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light" — John Keith Falconer*

READ: *"the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (Matthew 4:16-17)

REFLECT: Waking up early to do your daily devotions in a foreign place can be a weighty experience. Enjoying fellowship with our heavenly Father when surrounded by great spiritual darkness should break our hearts and give us great compassion. Almost half of the world's population, 3 billion people, do not know Jesus came to save them. That the light of the world has dawned.



Stop and do a heart check. Do you feel great compassion for the crowds of people you are seeing on campus, most of which do not follow Jesus? What about the 3 billion people around the world who have never heard His name? Do you really believe that Jesus is the light of the world and the only hope we have?

How is God revealing His light through you and to you?

RESPOND: Thank God for revealing himself to you and shining the light of Jesus into your dark heart. Pray for compassion for the billions of people who still don't know him. Ask God to help you through the power of the Holy Spirit to be a faithful disciple maker.

Go Deeper: Read Matthew 4

(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 4: *“A person is either a missionary or a mission field.” - Corrie Ten Boom*

READ: *“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

REFLECT: We have this illusion that we have to present ourselves perfectly put together before others are accepting of us. Although we may appear “put together,” our hearts are a mess and we cannot fix that on our own. God doesn’t tell us to clean ourselves up and He will love us, yet He says, “I love you, let me clean you up.” God demonstrated His love for us in Jesus Christ by taking the penalty of our sins and dying on the cross. Yes, you are a sinner and God loves you. Rejoice in that great news. Choose to rest in His righteousness and not your own.



Are you struggling with the idea that God requires you to “clean up” before he’ll accept you? If so, do you really believe that Jesus has done everything necessary to save you? When you believe that truth you can begin to rest in Jesus Christ’ goodness and not your own.

What is God teaching you about His love for you?

RESPOND: Praise God for His faithfulness to pursue you as His child even though your heart was a mess and not worthy of His love. Thank Him for the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross for your sins. Rest in the love and acceptance of our Holy God.

Go Deeper: Read all of Romans 5
(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)

Day 5: "World missions was on God's mind from the beginning."
— Dave Davidson

READ: "The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. . . . for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard." (Isaiah 52:10, 12b)

REFLECT: You are not alone. Let me say that again: you are not alone. But let's be honest, sometimes we can really feel alone when serving Jesus. It can be hard when you are in a season of life as a college student where many people don't believe the truth about Jesus or the Bible. Maybe you're missing your family. Maybe one of your friends has frustrated you. Or maybe school isn't going the way you had hoped. Whatever you are experiencing right now is not a surprise to God. In fact, he planned this moment for you. He has been leading you toward this very moment!



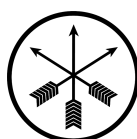
Thankfully, the promise that all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God doesn't depend just on your or my ability to accomplish something. He has already promised that salvation, and he allows us to be a big part of the process.

Being on a college campus and seeing so many people who don't call Jesus Lord can make you feel really small. "God, what could I possibly accomplish here?" Do you feel this way?

What might God be saying to you about relying on Him and His strength instead of your own?

RESPOND: Spend time thanking God that he is mighty to save and that he is always with us. Thank him for being willing to use you in the process of drawing men and women to himself. Ask God to empower you today to share boldly!

Go Deeper: Read Matthew 28:20 and Isaiah 41:10
(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 6: “The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed” - Hudson Taylor

READ: “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**” (Matthew 28:18-20)

REFLECT: Regardless of where you are in the world today, you will encounter countless distractions from the real reason you’re there. No matter what challenges you are facing, rest assured that you’re not in this geographic location on planet earth by mistake. You are here on purpose! Keep in mind today that God’s purpose for calling you to go into all the world is to advance the gospel. We are commanded to make disciples of all nations.



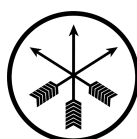
The best way to evaluate your spiritual condition is to look at your attitude toward radical discipleship of all nations. Is it something that you yearn to see in your life, or do you find your heart cold and indifferent toward it? ⁽¹⁾

Are you growing a greater desire to see the nations know Jesus? Would completing City Project increase or decrease your desire to make disciples of all nations?

REFLECT: We are to be disciples who make disciples. Pray and claim the promise that God would finish the work good work he began in you (Phil. 1:6). Ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit so you can be a faithful, growing disciple of Jesus!

Go Deeper: Read Matthew 28

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Day 7: "The evangelization of the world waits not on the readiness of God but on the obedience of Christians." -- Bill M. Sullivan

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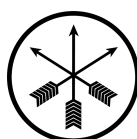
REFLECT: Teaching people to obey Christ is not easy. Obeying Christ in all he commanded is harder yet. It requires tremendous spiritual power. And Christ was so gracious to leave us with a word of comfort and power: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (v. 20). The reason that promise is packed with power is that the one who made it has all authority in heaven and on earth (v. 18). He is not powerful and far away. Nor is he present and weak. But he is with us, and he is all-powerful—forever. The great commission is sandwiched in powerful grace, and so are we. ⁽²⁾

Jesus promised that he is with us always. Pause and take a moment to let that sink in. He is all powerful and is with us always. Do you believe that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

How is God speaking to you and making His presence felt as you consider giving an entire summer to knowing God and making Him known?

RESPOND: Dedicate yourself afresh to obeying Jesus and making disciples. Praise God and remember that the great commission is sandwiched in grace: the promise of his absolute authority and power on the one side, and the promise of his constant presence on the other.

Go Deeper: Read Luke 12:11-12, Mark 13:11 & Matthew 10:19
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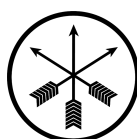
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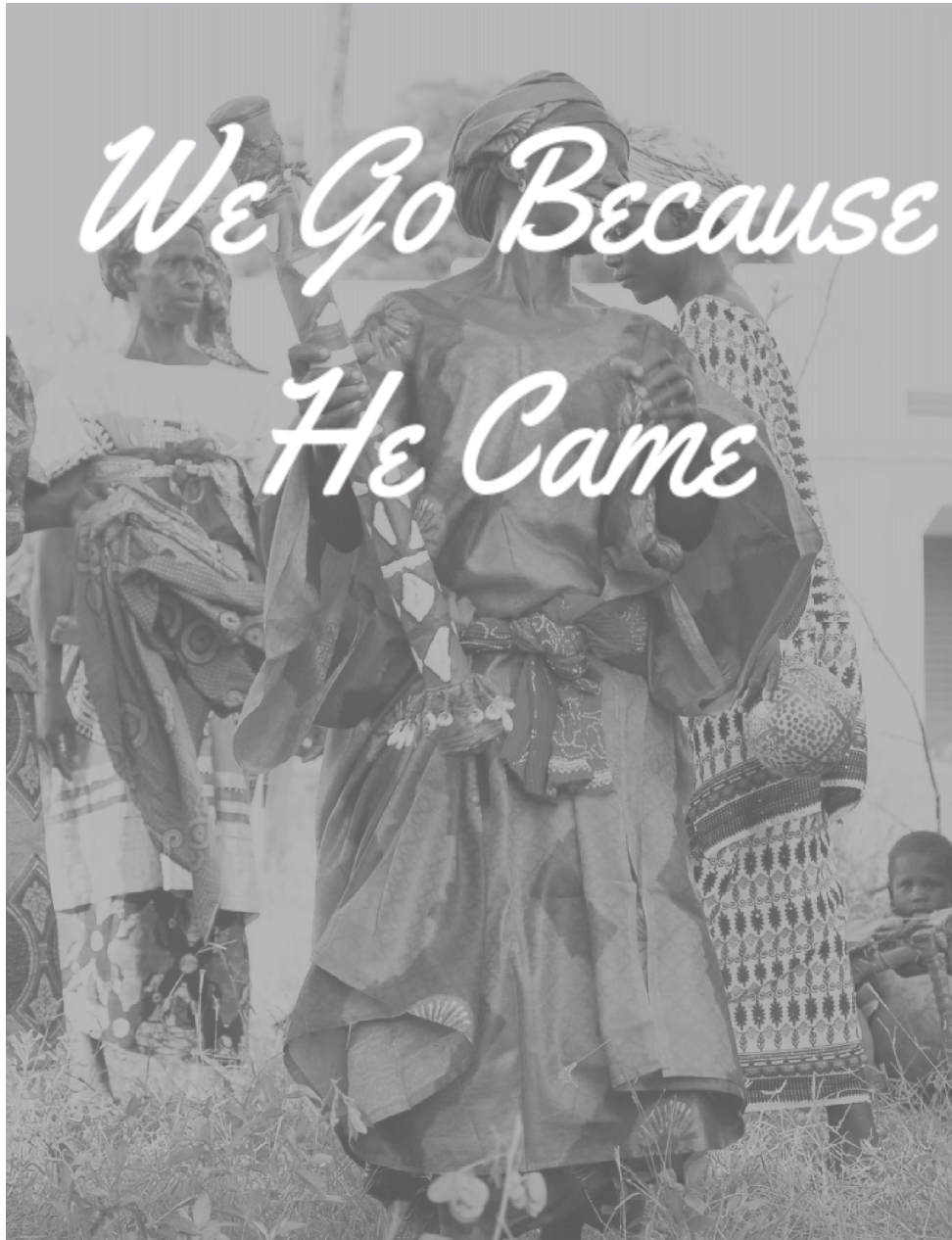
- Can they see you doing this?
- What do they think your strengths and weaknesses are?
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4. Count the Cost: Make a list of pros and cons asking yourself which opportunity in front of you will best equip you to be a disciple who is making disciples.

5. Trust: Based on your time in the Word, in prayer, in discussion with others who know you, and time spent counting the costs, trust God and make a decision.



Second City Prayer Guide



Day 1: "God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him" - Hudson Taylor

READ: "While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:18-19)

REFLECT: Often when we think of missionaries, we think they must be super spiritual and extremely mature and wise. Now while some missionaries might actually fit that description, most would confess that they are just ordinary people. The command is actually quite simple, but we try to over complicate it instead of simply obeying the call to follow Jesus each day. Daily obedience to the Lord will inevitably result in "Well done, good and faithful servant."



Following the Lord looks different for all of us, but the command is the same. Are you willing to go wherever the Lord tells you to go and do whatever he tells you to do?

How does your decision currently align with God's Word, His mission and seeking Him first in all you do? How is God speaking to you through considering giving up another summer to go overseas?

RESPOND: Praise God that Jesus faithfully obeyed each and every day of his life in our place. Ask for God to help you be more obedient daily. Ask for clarity in regards to your calling. Where am I to serve you Lord that is strategic? What am I passionate about that I can leverage for your glory?

Go Deeper: Read Acts 4:1-22

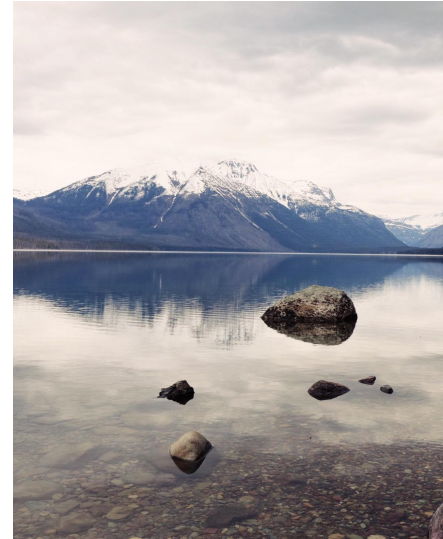
(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 2: *"To belong to Jesus is to embrace the nations with Him." — John Piper*

READ: *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)*

REFLECT: When our hope is in Christ Jesus, there is absolutely no record of wrongs. Our slate has been wiped clean. In fact, we are given a completely new slate. Christ's death on the cross and resurrection from the grave not only takes away our sin, along with it we receive his righteousness. This means there is no condemnation. Most of the people you see and interact with overseas believe that they are condemned unless they do enough good works to please their god or gods. They carry this burden daily. Any many parts of the world, you might even feel that they are more religiously devoted to God than you are.



Stop and consider the fact that salvation is a free gift from God. We are crucified with Christ and given new life in him. And this, not because of anything we have done or will do, but simply because of his grace extended to us in the gospel.

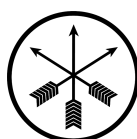
Do you feel condemnation still for past sins or present struggles with the flesh? Confess your sins and repent, BUT also freely receive the love God lavishes on us each day in Christ.

How might embracing the freedom and love we have in Christ compel you to take this news to the nations for your entire summer?

RESPOND: Pray for the people all around the world who need to be freed from the burden of saving themselves. Ask God to save them in Christ and give them rest in the gospel.

Go Deeper: Read 2 Corinthians 11-21

(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 3: *"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become."* — Henry Martyn

READ: *"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" (Matthew 9:35–38)*

REFLECT: Overseas, you are exposed to endless needs. The needs around the world can be overwhelming. Be blessed today to know that even Jesus was burdened when he saw all the needs around him. He saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion, saying they were harassed like sheep without a shepherd.

Let his compassion show through you today. Feel the pain of those around you. Cry if you want. Let it move you. But respond like Jesus did—pray! And recognize that Jesus didn't pray just any prayer. He specifically prayed for God to send more laborers into the field. Think about this. He could have prayed for anything, but he asked for more laborers. Actually, you can be an answer to that prayer!

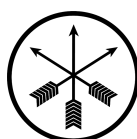
Have you ever thought about what it would look like for you to spend an entire summer overseas and helping be an answer to Jesus' prayer?

What is the Lord teaching you through this decision making process?

RESPOND: Now as a follower of Christ, pray this same prayer. Pray for God to send more laborers. The greatest need isn't for more food, clothing, or physical resources; it's for more missionaries, more pastors, and more shepherds.

Go Deeper: Read Matthew 9

(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)



Day 4: *“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!” — Abraham Kuyper*

READ: *“As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:18-21)*

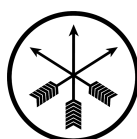
REFLECT: Whenever we have the privilege to serve with local believers overseas, we always learn so much more about God’s family. We’re reminded how the Holy Spirit makes us one. Reminded that we don’t bring the Spirit with us, for he has already been working long before we arrived. Be thankful that he has invited us to join him in what he is doing. It’s encouraging to know that the work doesn’t depend on us. Because it belongs to the Lord we know there will be victory. God will be glorified.

Have you ever thanked God for inviting you into the work He is already doing around the world? In your community? Family? Heart?

What ways have you seen God doing an incredible work?

RESPOND: Thank God today that he is at work in places and cultures around the world. Confess that God does not in any way need you but thank him that he chooses you to be part of his mission. Ask him to work today through the Holy Spirit as you seek to know whether you should spend an entire summer sharing the good news of the gospel with the nations!

Go Deeper: Read John 17 and pray along with Jesus for unity in the Church
(*What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?*)



Day 5: *“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.” — John R.W. Stott*

READ: *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” (Romans 12:3-6a)*

REFLECT: Paul spends the first 11 chapters of his letter to the Romans explaining the gospel in great detail: what it is, who it’s about, and why we can’t live without it. But in chapter 12 he changes direction; instead of helping us learn theology, he helps us live theology. He tells us how to live out the gospel, and all of it hinges on grace. When God looked down on a world full of people who had turned their backs on him, it was his grace that caused him to make a way for us to come back to him. Grace changes our lives, rearranges our priorities, and gives us a fundamentally new way to view ourselves.

We serve because God has served us. We love because he has loved us. And when we do those things, we point people to Jesus.

Have you allowed your low view or high view of yourself hinder you from completing the work God is calling you to do? How does the gospel change everything?

What are you thinking right now about Second City? Is God calling you to do it? Why or why not?

RESPOND: Ask God to help us be confident and unified as we engage in his mission together. Pray that the gospel bears much fruit as lives are changed in our city and around the world.

Go Deeper: Read Romans 12

(What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?)

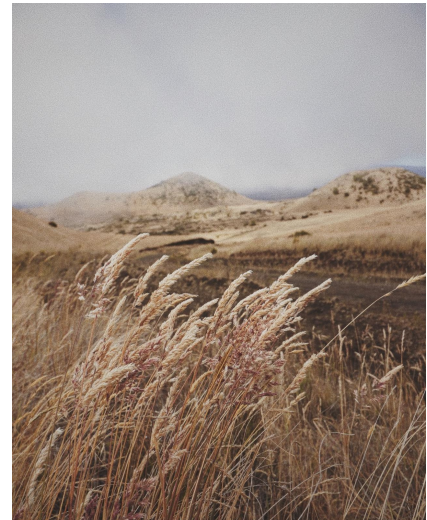


Day 6: *"You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving."* — Amy Carmichael

READ: *"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8)

REFLECT: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Take a moment this morning to think about Christ dying while we are still sinners. He died, while we were enemies, mocking him, even crucifying him. Yet he freely and willingly laid down his life, doing it with joy. Can you feel the weight of the Father's love for you?

The greatest love the world will ever know is Christ dying for sinners like you and me. Do you take this good news for granted? He loves us and gave up everything, even his very life for us. Praise God today for saving you.



What might God be saying to you about relying on Him and His strength instead of your own? Is He asking you to give up your summer to serve Him overseas?

RESPOND: Pray for your unbelief. We all need to remember what God has done for us in Christ. Thank him for his great love. Pray this gospel truth would be made known to wherever you are going today.

Go Deeper: Read Colossians 1:21-22; John 10:18
(*What do you learn about God? Yourself? How does it apply to your life right now?*)



Day 7: *"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God" — William Carey*

READ: *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe lled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were ying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'" (Isaiah 6:1–5)*

REFLECT: These verses precede Isaiah's famous response to God: "Here I am, send me!" In that verse he volunteers himself to be sent by God, but these previous verses are really important to understanding why Isaiah does that. If you read the whole chapter, you'll notice that God never calls Isaiah specifically to go. Isaiah does not volunteer because he feels called, but instead because he has seen God in his glory. For just a brief time, Isaiah gets to see God clearly: he is "high and exalted," "seated on the throne," "holy, holy, holy." This vision compels Isaiah's response. He is so overwhelmed by the revelation of God that he eagerly answers the question "Who will go for us?" God's glory motivated Isaiah, and his response was obedience.

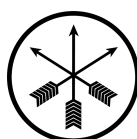
What do you feel when you read about God's glory in Isaiah 6? Does it overwhelm you? Do you desire to obey his command in response?

Is anything overwhelming you about completing Second City next summer? How does being overwhelmed by God's glory put giving up one summer into perspective?

RESPOND: Pray that God opens your eyes to see him as he truly is—high and exalted, of greatest worth, the King of every place on earth! Thank him for his promise that the knowledge of his glory will fill the earth as the water covers the sea, and that his name will be exalted among the nations. Ask him to overwhelm you with his ultimate worthiness so that you will respond like Isaiah did. Ask him to use you to proclaim the good news to those who are far from him.

Go Deeper: Read Isaiah 6

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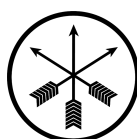
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