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II. Holy: straining language

III. Holy: a Father afire

IV. Holy: the Holy cross

V. Two things



Summary

The message title is loaded with tension. From our vantage point it seems to be a contradiction. A Father who is holy? How do we understand and reconcile this pairing of "father" and "holy"? What does holy even mean?

Think about it

- 1. What comes to mind when you think about the word holy?
- 2. What comes to mind when you think about the word father?

Read Isaiah 6:1-8

- 1. As you read the beautiful images conveyed in this passage, what kind of response do they evoke in you?
- 2. The opening verses describe an unapproachable God as well as Isaiah's awareness of his own sin before the Lord. How does this describe your own relationship with God?
- 3. In what ways might you have unclean lips while living among people with unclean lips?
- 4. Why does Isaiah's demeanor change from "woe is me" in verse 5 to "Here I am. Send me!" in verse 8?
- 5. What would your life look like if you were to say to the Lord, "Here I am. Send me!"?

Read Luke 15:11-24

- 1. What do you learn about the heart of the Father in this passage as amazing grace meets amazing sin?
- 2. How does this story make you feel about your value to God?