

Week 3: Discovery

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Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² 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 flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Uzziah discovered the power of creating his own legacy

[Uzziah's father] did what was right in the eyes of the Lord but not whole-heartedly. – 2 Chronicles 25:2

If half-hearted parents can produce whole-hearted children, imagine what whole-hearted parents could produce.

Uzziah discovered the power of holy obedience (2 Chronicles 26:4, 5b)

Uzziah discovered the power of mentoring (2 Chronicles 26:4-5)

Uzziah discovered the power of conflict (2 Chronicles 26:6-8)

Uzziah discovered the power of innovation (2 Chronicles 26: 9-15)

He built

He fortified

He dug

He planted

He loved the soil

He provided

He made

In the first portion of his life, Uzziah discovered the beauty of humility.

His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful. But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord... - 2 Chronicles 26:15b-16a

In the last portion of his life, Uzziah discovered the pain of arrogance.

You are arrogant when:

You believe you are the reason for your own success (verse 16)

You refuse to fulfill the purpose God gave to you (verse 16)

You respond <u>negatively</u> to godly confrontation (verses 16-18)

You see people as obstacles (verse 19)

You can't admit your own affliction (verses 19-23)

Next Steps

- If you haven't already taken the Spiritual Health Self-Assessment, take the assessment on our website, the CTK App or on paper at the Connection Point.
- 2. This week is the last chance to register for many of our classes this quarter. See insert for class descriptions and register at the Connection Point.
- 3. If you would like to join a small group, we have room for you. Stop by the Connection Point today or contact Kevin (kevinb@ctkbellingham.com).

Small Group Questions

- 1) What did you do for the Super Bowl? Party, nap, nothing?
- 2) What would you like written on your tombstone?
- 3) Have you recently discovered anything new about yourself?
- 4) How did your parents contribute (positively or negatively) to your spiritual journey?
- 5) In a spiritual sense, what are you currently building, fortifying, digging, planting, loving, providing, or making? How are these "projects" changing you and the people around you?
- 6) It's been said that absolute power corrupts absolutely. How does this idea affect your personal approach to humility? How can that affect your own journey?
- 7) What do you need prayer for right now?