



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: God Sends  
Suggested Week of Use: September 13, 2020  
Core Passage: Isaiah 6:1-13

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### News Story Summary

Experts have been debating what life will be like after the pandemic, in other words what the “new normal” will be. Anticipated changes include health security measures, for example. After 9/11, security measures became the norm in airports so it is possible that temperature checks and face masks will be part of the new normal for entering public buildings. As people give up public transportation due to possible virus contamination, traffic in cities could become worse as people use their own vehicles. Possibly, more people will bring their own silverware and dinnerware when eating out in restaurants. Food delivery and take-out options could increase. More public bathrooms may feature automatic doors and sinks with automatic sensors. Concerts and other live entertainment may not come back until after a vaccine is available.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “20 Ways City Life Could Change Forever After Coronavirus”.)

### Focus Attention

To replace the Respond idea under Focus Attention, invite the group to share ways their life has been changed by the pandemic. Share ways the pandemic has changed your life. Lead the group to discuss which changes will last beyond the pandemic. Share information from the article about how life may change forever due to the pandemic. Say: *Just as the pandemic was unexpected and has changed our lives possibly forever, Isaiah had a life-changing encounter with God that impacted his life forever.* Complete the step following the Transition idea.

### Summarize and Challenge

To replace the Reinforce idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the opening discussion about the life-changing effects of the pandemic. Review Isaiah’s response to his life-changing encounter with God by writing his words on the board: *Here I am. Send me.* Give each person a small sheet of paper. Instruct them to write on the paper where God may be sending them as a beacon of light during this time. Encourage volunteers to share their responses. Challenge the group to faithfully represent Christ in word and deed in the days ahead. Complete the step, using the Review idea.