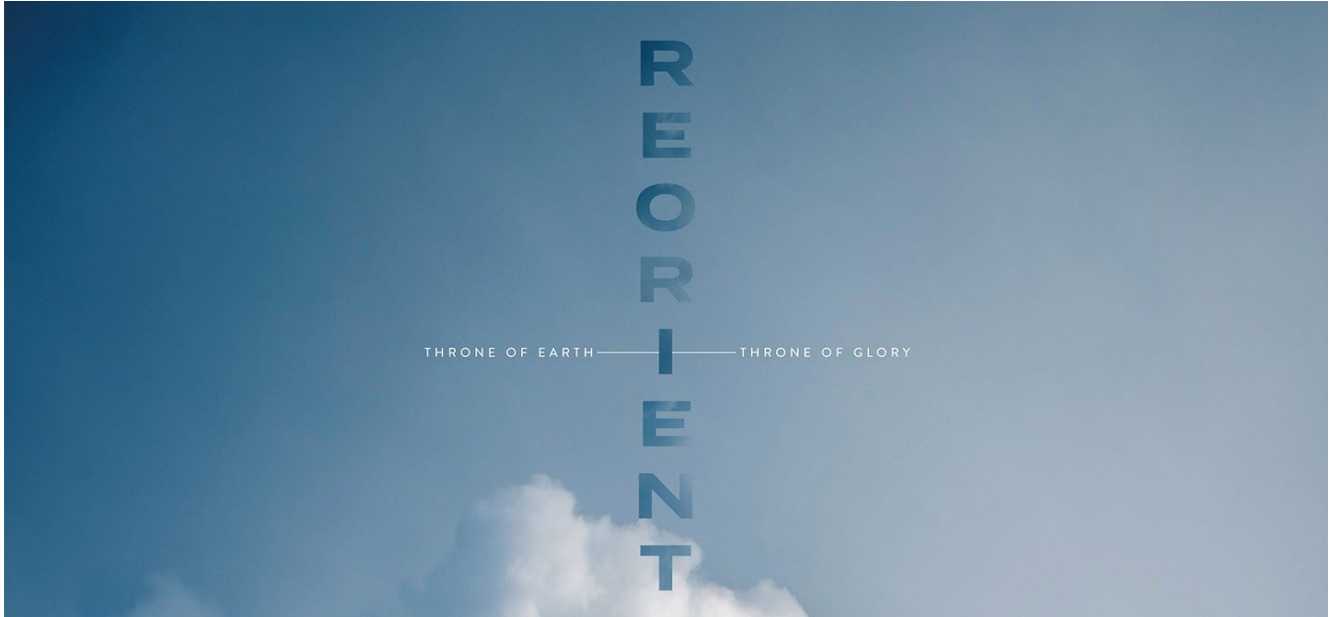


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We kicked off the New Year on 1/3/21 with an inspirational message and challenge from our Lead Pastor, Gary Gaddini. May these questions help you reflect on your understanding of God and what He is calling you to in 2021.

#1

What did 2020 reveal about your faith? What strengths? What weaknesses?

#2

As we enter 2021, you may feel like some of the "earthly kings" that were our security or scaffolding have died or deteriorated (our finances, friends, health, etc.) in 2020. What have those things been for you?

#3

Isaiah had a similar struggle back in the eighth century B.C. when his king, who provided security for Judah, had died. He learned that although Uzziah's throne was empty, God's throne was still occupied. Uzziah's reign had ended, but God's hadn't. Reflect on the encounter Isaiah had with God in [Isaiah 6:1-5](#). What did he see and hear? Why do you think Isaiah responded in the manner that he did?

#4

The Hebrew word "glory" is a word that literally means "heaviness." When talking about God's glory, the sense is that compared to anything else, nothing is as weighty as God's character and power, not even King Uzziah's death to Isaiah nor our circumstances to us. But what easily becomes more weightier to you in your life than God?

#5

Rabbinic tradition states that Isaiah was from a royal family. He was one of the elites. What we know from the book of Isaiah is that he was kind of an artistic, intellectual, and literary genius. But in the presence of God, he

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was re-oriented. That's what worship does, it reorients you. Reflect on [Isaiah 6:5-8](#). Do you see how true worship leads to confession and call in one's life? How have you experienced this? What holds you back from it?

#6

In the end, Isaiah's "previous urgent" circumstances are no longer as weighty as God's glory and agenda. The Glory of God has become his scaffolding and Isaiah wants to join God in bringing the Kingdom to earth. Revisit Isaiah's yielding words to God's question in [Isaiah 6:8](#). The statement "Here am I" means "without condition." What will you need to let go of and hold on to more in order to keep a renewed perspective like Isaiah as you walk into 2021? [maybe it is the words "Here I am. Send me!" or something else]

New Year's Opportunities

1. Need support - Get a [coach, counselor or peer](#) to walk with you
2. Need a plan - [Bible reading plans](#) on YouVersion for each day
3. Need a group to grow - Check out all the [Winter Experiences 2021](#)