

7. When you read *carefully*, what kind of picture does Isaiah 6 paint of God?
8. Has there been a time in your life that you know you experienced God in a very powerful way? How did that experience affect your life?
9. How do you think a correct view of God and yourself helps cultivate the soil of selfishness?
10. How could fasting help to shape your view of yourself?
11. What practical steps will you take this week to cultivate the soil of self?

Other scriptures for meditation on the greatness of God: Job 38, 39, 40, 41, Isaiah 40, Psalm 139, Psalm 147, Romans 11:33-36

Practical Application Ideas:

1. The next time you gather for corporate worship, approach it with expectation that you are going to encounter God in the service.
2. Have a time of personal worship. Sing some of your most meaningful worship songs. Meditate on one of the above passages of scripture. Spend time sitting in silence.
3. Take a “fast” from something for a day:
 - Food
 - Television
 - Shopping
4. Fast from food one day a week. Make it a routine. Use that time to think about the ways you make yourself the center of your life.
5. Try a day of Submission: Instead of rushing to get in front of people, seek to serve them by meeting their needs or allowing them to go first. Instead of rushing through your day, be conscious of living as if you are the least important person around you.



Cultivating the Soil of Self

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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Isaiah 6:1-8

Review:

Our depth problem is a “_____” problem.

The aim is to learn to _____ the soil so we can bear fruit.

The fruit (evidence) of soft soil is _____.

Self-centeredness is the core belief that I am the _____ that everything else is _____ by.

The fruit of self-centeredness:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____ - _____.
4. _____ - _____.

Self-centeredness gives us a _____ view of ourselves.

- The key to cultivating self-centeredness is changing this view.

Cultivating the soil of self:

1. _____--taking a good look and acknowledging who God is and who we are.

- I am not the _____ of the _____.
- Uzziah _____ who he was.
- When Isaiah was confronted with God, he came to terms with the fact that he was _____.
- When we try to be righteous without _____ at the heart, we're only _____.

2. _____ to God – to give up control, to yield your power to someone else.

Practical Steps:

1. Encounter God during the _____.
2. Worship _____.
 - _____ on scripture.
3. Make _____ a part of your life.

4. Service in _____.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What are the four fruits of self-centeredness Kory mentioned?
2. What are some others?
3. Which one(s) do you typically display?
4. How do these fruit demonstrate a false view of our self?

We all have a dominant view of God we operate with:

- The cosmic grandpa.
- The taskmaster.
- The righteous accountant.
- The grudge-keeper.
- The best-buddy.
- The romantic lover.

5. If people were to evaluate how you lived your life, what would they say is your dominant view of God?

Read Isaiah 6:1-8

6. If you were like Isaiah in the temple, given your dominant view of God, how would you have responded to God's presence?