

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 40

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Chapter 40 begins the second section of Isaiah's prophecy that announces the glory of God who comforts and forgives sinners, the incomparable greatness and sovereignty of God who is above the nations, and the everlasting God who strengthens the faint and weary.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who is the intended audience of Isaiah 40? Summarize God's message to them. What does this text reveal about the nature and character of God?
- What is the foundation of God's message of hope at the outset of this chapter (verses 1-11)?
- When was the announcement of verse 3 fulfilled in redemptive history?
- What is the comparison being made in verses 6-8 (1 Peter 1:24-25)? How is this comforting to God's people today?
- What task does God give his people in verses 9-11? What are the characteristics of this divine ruler (verses 10-11; Hebrews 13:20)? What reward does he bring for his beloved?
- How can we be confident that God can and will deliver his people?
- What are these rhetorical questions in verses 12-26 meant to evoke in the hearers/readers (Romans 11:33-36)?
- Where are you deriving your identity, purpose, and satisfaction in life?
- What does it mean to wait on the Lord (verse 31)? When you are weak and weary, where do you seek strength? Do you regularly reflect on the greatness of our God?