

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Behold Your God: Comfort

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Isaiah 40:1-5



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Sermon Outline

- I. What God wants (Isaiah 40:1-2)
- II. What God says (Isaiah 40:2)
- III. Who God sends (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. A.W. Tozer once said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. How does one "behold" or "look" at God?
4. How would you describe the difference between being comforted and being comfortable? Why is it important to understand the difference between these two things in the Christian life? How might conflating these two things give us a false view of God?
5. What's the significance of God's messenger speaking "tenderly" (Isaiah 40:2) to his people in their distress? What can we learn from that in our own interactions with other people?
6. Tell about a time you've felt comforted by God.
7. In an effort to comfort his people, God *speaks*. What does this tell us generally about the importance of being in God's Word?
8. Why do you think the promises of peace, pardon, and payment would have been so comforting to God's people while in Babylon?

9. Pastor Josh mentioned a number of different “places” we run to for comfort: people, professionals, work, toys, accomplishments, and better circumstances. Which of these do you tend to look for comfort when in distress? How has God used some of these things to bless and encourage you? Why, however, should none of these things take the place of God’s Word?

10. What are something things God says in Scripture that have comforted you over the course of your Christian life?

11. Look up and read Luke 3:4-6. Who is the “voice” crying out in the wilderness? According to the book of Luke, who is that voice preparing a way *for*?

12. Where else would you go in the Bible for how Jesus has won our peace, pardoned our iniquities, and paid for our sins?

13. Take an example of some hardship in your LIFE Group (if someone is comfortable to share!) and work out how the good news of the Gospel might bring comfort when in a situation like that.

14. Your deepest comfort in your darkest days will come from the good news of Christ’s saving work. How have you experienced this? What things in your life would change if you believed this?