

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Behold Your God: Tenderness

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Isaiah 40:9-11



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Sermon Outline

Who does God reveal himself to be?

I. A strong warrior (Isaiah 40:10)

II. A tender shepherd (Isaiah 40:11)

How to respond to who God is:

1. Cherish him

2. Imitate him

3. Herald him

4. Come to him

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. Do you agree with what John Calvin says, that beholding God is "the sum of our happiness?" Why or why not? If it is, how might that change the way you live?

3. In Isaiah 40:10, the Bible highlights God's strength. Then in Isaiah 40:11, the Bible highlights God's tenderness. Where have you seen evidences of both?

4. Where else would you go in the Bible to see pictures or proofs of God's strength? How about his tenderness?

5. Which of these twin qualities of God—his strength and his tenderness—do you need to be reminded of most? Why?

6. What do you think it looks like practically to *cherish* God? Take a few minutes to describe the kind of person who cherishes God.

7. What are some ways God has leveraged his strength and/or showed great tenderness toward *you*? How can you use that to kindle your love for him?

8. It is impossible to imitate God perfectly. Why should that not discourage us from imitating him (even if *imperfectly*)?
9. Where do you have opportunities to imitate God in the use of your strength? How about in giving and showing tenderness?
10. Read Isaiah 40:9. Why do you think God's people are called to lift up their voices and tell others about who God is?
11. Why do you think God tells his heralds to "fear not" (Isaiah 40:9)?
12. What do you think it means for *you* to herald the good news of who God is and the good news of what Jesus has done?