

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Behold Your God: Greatness

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Isaiah 40:12-20



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Sermon Outline

Four mistakes we make with God:

- I. We shrink him (Isaiah 40:12)
- II. We question him (Isaiah 40:13-14)
- III. We displace him (Isaiah 40:18-20)
- IV. We try to win his favor (Isaiah 40:16)

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. In your own words, why does it matter to think *rightly* about God? What are some of the troubling consequences that come with having a *wrong* view of God?

3. Why is it so hard to receive *correction*? Share about a time when you were corrected by something you read in the Bible.

4. In what ways do you live or pray like God is smaller than he is? How would a right view of him encourage the way you live and strengthen your prayers?

5. Where else in the Bible would you go to get a big view of God?

6. Take a few minutes to peruse the Psalms and find a handful of chapters and/or verses that are examples of someone *questioning* God. What makes what those Psalms say ok?

7. What's something that's happened in your life, in our church, or in the world that's thrown you for a loop. How do the questions in Isaiah 40:13-14 help you?

8. What does it look like practically for you to *trust* God with what you don't understand?

9. In Isaiah 40:18-20, the Bible points out how God's people had traded the true God for idols. An idol is *anything* we put in the place of God. Take a few minutes in silence to think about what may be an idol(s) in your life (Ask yourself: "What most commands my time, money, passion, and priority?" That'll give you a good start!).

10. What advice would you give for how we can rejoice in the good things God gives while resisting the pull to put them in his place?

11. In Isaiah 40:16, the Bible is reminding us that there's nothing we can do or offer to win God's favor. Why is that a good thing?

12. In what ways do you relate to God as if you *did* have to win his favor? What has that led to? How has that shaped or changed your view of who God is?

13. Why aren't our good works (or anything else we might offer) good enough for God? What makes what *Jesus* offered enough?