

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Behold Your God: Strength

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Isaiah 40:12-26



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Sermon Outline

- I. God the creator (Isaiah 40:12, 26)
- II. God the governor (Isaiah 40:15, 17, 22)
- III. The God like no other (Isaiah 40:18, 25)

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. Why is repetition in the Bible *good*?

3. In your own words, why does it matter that we have a right understanding of who God is?

4. Why do you think Isaiah focuses on the *stars* and asks, "Who created these?" (Isaiah 40:26)? What are some other aspects of creation that point to God as the creator of all things?

5. If God created everything, that means he created *you*. What do you think that means for you in terms of...
 - ...your value?
 - ...your purpose?
 - ...your responsibility?

6. What are some other implications of God being the creator?

7. In Babylon, the Israelites were 1. Far from home, 2. Living in a hostile land, 3. Surrounded by unbelievers, and 4. Ruled by ungodly leaders. Pastor Josh said that Christians living today are in a similar spot. Where in the Bible would you go to *know* that? Where in the Bible would you go (outside of Isaiah 40!) for encouragement *in* a position like that?

8. Think for a few minutes what the world and life would be like if God *didn't* govern the world.

9. Why do you think Isaiah specifically says that God rules over people in power (Isaiah 40:23-24)? In what ways is that a comfort you?
10. What makes God holy? Why does it matter that he's holy and we're not?
11. Take a few minutes poring over Isaiah 6:1-7. What are some other things that stand out to you about this passage? What other connections do you see between it and what Isaiah writes in chapter 40?
12. Why do you think Isaiah's first words were related to how *unworthy* he was before God (see Isaiah 6:5)? What might that mean for the ways *you* own your own sins before him (and to other people!)?
13. How does Jesus' holiness uniquely equip him to be our Savior?
14. What does it look like to honor God as totally *other* than us? What does it look like to relate to God as the One who has saved us? How do we keep those things *together*?