

There is a shift in tone and audience that happens in **Isaiah 40**. The prophet moves from confronting the sinfulness of God's people in his own day (**Isaiah 1-39**) to comforting the future predicted exiles (**Isaiah 39:5-7**) with the power and promises of God.

Read **Isaiah 40:1-5** and discuss the following.

What is God's message to His people? Why should they be confident and hopeful? Explain.

Where else are **verses 3-4** quoted? Who references this passage and why is it significant to understanding the promise of **v.5**?

Read **Isaiah 40:6-8** and discuss the following.

To what is man compared? How is man contrasted from God's Word?

Read **Isaiah 40:9-24** and discuss the following.

How is God described here? What will He do for His people? What are some titles you see Him fulfill in this passage?

How are the nations described in comparison to God? Give a few examples of why this is encouraging to you today?

Read **Isaiah 40:25-31** and discuss the following.

What are some of the particular examples given to offer confidence and hope to God's people?

Have you ever had a time in your life that you felt hidden from God or disregarded by Him? Explain.

How is God's infinite wisdom and strength an encourage to you personally? God is also described in this passage as everlasting and eternal. When are some of the times and seasons you most need to remember these truths of God?

What's the promise to those who wait upon the Lord? What does it practically look like to do this? Explain.

What about this discussion has most comforted and/or convicted you personally?