

When you think of God, what are some distinguishing marks or traits that come to mind? List as many as you can.

Read **Isaiah 46** and discuss the following.

Bel and Nebo were Babylonian deities. How does Scripture describe them?

How do these false gods compare to the one true God of Scripture? List out all the differences shown in this passage.

What is God's message to Israel? How would you summarize what Isaiah has said here?

This passage repeats a few phrases and statements. What's the significance of this repetition? Of the repeated lines, which stands out to you, and why?

Twice God states that He alone is God. Which incomparable feature(s) does He point to in support of this claim?

Verse 11 references the Persian King Cyrus 150 years before his time. The Lord would later use him to help rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. How might this message have been particularly difficult to hear? In what ways would you expect it to be an encouragement? How does it encourage you today?

This passage and others like it point to God's sovereignty. God is supreme over all things and His plans will not be thwarted. Read the verses below and discuss the questions that follow.

Psalm 115:3; Psalm 119:68; Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 45:5-7; 1st Timothy 6:15; Lamentations 3:37-38; Job 42:2; Isaiah 55:8-9; Deuteronomy 29:29

Which of these verses most stood out to you, and why? What are some implications of God's sovereignty? How should God's sovereignty embolden His followers?

Read **Acts 2:22-23** and **Acts 4:27-28**. How do these verses show God's sovereign providence in Christ's crucifixion? Why is it important to know that the cross was God's Plan A and not just something that happened to Jesus? Explain your answer.

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