

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 40

Not being able to see you face to face this week to discuss these questions, I encourage you to call, email, or text me with your questions about the message or about Isaiah 40

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Questions about the sermon?

1. What is your "working" definition of comfort? Or what "components" make up comfort for you?
2. When you have needed comfort in difficult circumstances - what had been the most helpful from people? Who was most involved in helping you? Long term or short term? In what kinds of circumstances do you need comfort or encouragement? Hurt, failure, loss, etc.
3. How might you have brought comfort to someone? What triggered your involvement? Was it difficult?
4. What Bible verses/chapters have been helpful in bringing stability and comfort to you personally?
5. How might knowing Isaiah 40 help you have practical confidence in God?
6. What forms has God's shepherding care taken for you personally?
7. Do you ever feel God is not paying attention to your needs? In what circumstances do you feel that God is distant? What have you done about the feelings? How has God demonstrated that He is paying attention you?
8. How have you applied Isaiah 40:30-31 in your life? What does waiting on God look like for you personally (remember waiting and trusting in this context mean similar). Do you have someone in your life who is also applying these truths?
9. Do you find yourself thinking "I have big problems" or "I have a big God who can help me" or somewhere in between?

some questions are from Paul Apple's commentary on Isaiah