

BEHOLD YOUR GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ISAIAH 40

1 **Choose one verse or phrase from Isaiah 40 that stands out to you.** It could be something you're intrigued by, something that makes you uncomfortable, something that puzzles you, or something that encourages you. Write the phrase below and be prepared to share its significance with the group.

2 **In the scope of history, when Isaiah chapters 40-66 were written, the Babylonian captivity was not a present reality.** It would come soon, but it wasn't present. How interesting that Isaiah begins this new section in the book as if the people were already in captivity!

 *Why do you think God has Isaiah speak this way?*

 *What topics does Isaiah speak about that will help the people when suffering comes?*

 *Recount a time of suffering in your life that God prepared you for beforehand.*

3 **When God's covenant people suffer, what comforts them?** What comforts you?

 *Think of a Scripture verse that speaks of comfort and share it with your group.*

4 **In the middle of great fear or trouble, people often question themselves...they think, "I wonder if this is my fault?"** "If only I would have, should have, could have!" But there is a section in Isaiah 40 that presents a list of questions. These are questions that point us in the right direction, instead of introspection... Consider some of these questions that prove God's greatness:

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand?

Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel?

Whom did HE consult, and who made him understand?

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

To whom then will you compare ME, that I should be like him?

Why do you say, O Jacob... "My way is hidden from the LORD?"

Have you not known? Have you not heard? THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD!

