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!
	₩hy 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 themselvesthey 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 like 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!

5	Timeless things intrigue us. We love art or music that endures the ages, that transcends culture. Isaiah 4 These transcendent thoughts draw us upward and forward in trial. Describe the timeless things found in	0 presents several timeless things. this chapter
6	People are fearful. When in the middle of fear, what is God's ten-step program for overcoming fear? Of cone.	ourse, there are not ten steps. There is
	Read Isaiah 40:9. What is the answer to fear	
	♥ How do you personally "Behold your God?"	
7	People are weak. We hate appearing weak. We want to seem intellectually strong as Einstein, emotionally ically powerful as LeBron James, but we do not enjoy admitting we are as weak as the runner who can't co who drops the bar on his own neck because the challenge proves too difficult. But God knows that we are What is the ten step program for gaining spiritual strength? Again, you are right, there is one step.	omplete the race or the weight lifter
	Read Isaiah 40:27-31. What do the weak need more than anything else?	PRAYER REQUESTS
8	Consider how beholding God as Creator would minister to the captives. Imagine that all their surroundings are suddenly and forcefully different. Now read Isaiah 40:21-24. Where is a person's focus when contemplating the One who sits above the circle of the earth? What do we learn about meditating on the Creator and His creation from this passage?	
9	Are you able to admit your weakness in order to ride on wings like eagles? This week, make a commitment to wait on the LORD. You need Him, every moment, every hour. Share thoughts with your group about how you will wait on the Lord this week!	