BEHOLD YOUR GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ISAIAH 40

1	What does waiting on the Lord mean?				
	\	Consider how waiting implies "longing for God." Look at Psalm 62:1 David says "My soul waits upon God; from Him cometh my salvation." David is in distress. David has some industrial-strength problems, and he's saying, "O God, I need You. You are my hope, my salvation." Do you believe that, or do you believe that you are your salvation? Do you long for God to do a great work in your life or do you long for a solution?			
	•	Consider how waiting implies "listening to God." Look at Proverbs 8:34 "Blessed is the man that hears Me, watching daily at my gates, waiting waiting at the posts of my doors." He's there at the gate when the Lord comes out, like a servant. The reason that many of us are stressed is we're doing things God's never assigned us to do. And the reason we're doing things God never assigned us to do is we haven't been listening to God. We have not been waiting upon the Lord. Do you have a daily quiet time? Do you have a time when you listen? Do you "report for duty," or are you doing things that you've assigned yourself, or others have assigned you, but you're not doing what God wants you to do?			
	\	Consider how waiting implies "looking to the Lord." In Psalm 104:27 speaking of the animals, the beast of the field. "These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them their food in due season." The little animals, they look to the Lord by instinct. They all wait upon God. Do you look to the Lord? Do you look to the Lord first for your source of supply?			
	\	Consider how waiting implies "living for the Lord." Proverbs 27:18 "Whoso keeps the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof; so he that waits on his master shall be honored." Now what does it mean to wait on your master? It means to serve him. Do you live to serve the LORD or self?			
2 What a		nat are some signs that you are not waiting on the Lord?			
	\	physical signs			
	\	emotional signs			
	\	spiritual signs			
	\	relational signs			

3	Do you consider yourself to be patient or impatient? How could the lessons of Isaiah 40:27-31 improve your attitude and behavior?				
4	Why is waiting difficult? How do you usually respond if you are forced to wait? Remember waiting can involve time and trust.				
5	Share stories about when you embraced waiting as part of God's will. What was the end result? How were you changed?				
6	Do you feel like you are in a waiting season right now? What are you waiting for? How do you feel about waiting and what is it doing in your relationship with God?				
7	What does God promise to do for you if you wait upon Him? How is waiting on Him met by God's character?				
8	What is the gospel in Isaiah 40:27-31?				
9	Look at Verse 27 — Have you ever felt like your way was "hidden from the Lord"? Or that your cause had been "disregarded" by God? Why do the people of Israel feel this way at this point in their history? What causes us to feel that way?				
10	Notice Isaiah 40:28-31 — What is the ard description of who God is helps us relate	nswer to the complaint of the people? Examine how each e and have confidence in God.	PRAYER REQUESTS		
	Everlasting	Creator			
	Tireless	Never weary			
	Full of understanding				
•	Look at Isaiah 40:31 — What does it rea in God and experienced that in your life	lly mean to soar on wings like eagles? Have you ever trusted? Be prepared to share an example.			