

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 23, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 40:27-31

Memory Passage: Isaiah 40:28

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 40:27-31.** Explain what the two statements in v. 27b, c reveal about those who ask them.
- (b) Why would those in exile ask the two statements in v. 27b, c?
- (c) Why would anyone make these two statements about God?
- (d) Have you ever made either of these two statements? What experience(s) in your life caused your doubt?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 40:27-31.** What answer do Isaiah's two questions (v. 28) expect?
- (b) Explain in detail what Isaiah reminds his hearers about Yahweh in v. 28.
- (c) How do Yahweh's character and works (v. 28) answer the doubts posed in v. 27 and render them foolish?
- (d) How will your knowledge of Yahweh's character and works (v. 28) overcome your doubts during future painful or confusing experiences?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 40:27-31.** What does v. 29 tell you about God's power (consider in light of v. 28d)?
- (b) If "youths/young men" shall "faint . . . be weary . . . and fall," what does this tell you about all humanity?
- (c) Describe what it means to be "faint," "weary," and "fall exhausted" (lit. "stumbling they stumble").
- (d) In what ways have you recently felt faint, weary, and exhausted? In what situations do you currently find yourself that could lead to these feelings?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 40:27-31.** What is the requirement for anyone to experience the four blessings found in v. 31?
- (b) Write a paragraph reviewing what you have already learned about “waiting” in Isaiah (cf.8:17; 25:9; 26:8-9; 30:18; 33:2).
- (c) Is the act of waiting on God passive or active? Explain your answer.
- (d) What does the adversative (“But”) which begins v. 31 contrast?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 40:27-31.** Explain each of the four blessings granted to those who wait on Yahweh (v. 31).
- (b) How do these blessings relate to the character and work of God you’ve learned about in vs. 27-29? In vs. 12-26?
- (c) Explain how the repetition of “faint” and “weary” in these verses illustrate Isaiah's argument.
- (d) Explain how you will wait or should have waited on Yahweh in each of the circumstances you mention in DAY 3 (d).

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