



December 5th Discussion Guide

Comfort My People: Isaiah 40:3-5

This is a 4-week study of inspiring words of comfort and hope of a coming Savior. Based on the book of Isaiah, this series is a continuation of the Nehemiah/Ezra journey we took through "Fresh Start." Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

What Advent traditions do you have with your family?

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Isaiah 40:3 and Luke 3:1-4.
 - a. Who did Isaiah prophesy about?
 - b. What was that person supposed to do?
 - c. How have you made a way for others to know the LORD?
2. Read Isaiah 40:4, Luke 3:7-8, and Isaiah 30:15.
 - a. In light of Luke 3:7-8, what is John's message in Isaiah 40:4?
 - b. How can we prepare our hearts as we wait for Messiah? What rough spots and rugged places need to be smoothed in your life or in the world today?
3. Read Isaiah 40:5, Luke 3:15-18.
 - a. How did John compare himself to Messiah?
 - b. What does "glory of the LORD" mean to you?
 - c. How do these verses unify us? (John 3:16) How do these verses reveal a choice to be made? (John 14:6)
 - d. What encouragement do you have from a God who keeps His promises and fulfills prophecy? (Isaiah 25:1)

Application question: How will you listen for God, prepare your heart, and be ready to follow Jesus this Advent season?

LORD, You are calling us to repentance, to relationship with You, to prepare the way for others to know You, and to make disciples. Reveal to us this week what is distracting us from hearing You. Cleanse our hearts and minds so we are prepared for Your arrival.