

GROWTH GUIDE

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THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES
Peace for the Weary | ISAIAH 40
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

1. God promises to deliver his people. Isaiah 40:1-11
2. God reminds of his ability to deliver his people. Isaiah 40:12-26
3. God's people can wait with peace knowing God will deliver. Isaiah 40:27-31

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything that encouraged, challenged, or confused you?
2. What was God judging the Israelites for in Isaiah 40? What does Isaiah 40, especially verses 9-31, teach us about God's character?
3. Isaiah 40 shows us that we can have peace no matter what our circumstances are because God promises to and is able to deliver us. Share another passage of scripture that helps you have peace in the midst of difficulties.
4. Isaiah 40:18-20 talks about how the Israelites crafted their own idols. While we don't typically setup a physical idol and worship it, what does idol worship look like today? How do we still "create" idols in our lives?
5. Where do you need greater peace by trusting that God is present and working in your situation?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What idol were you most tempted by this past week? How can your small group help you this coming week resist the temptation of idolatry and find your peace and satisfaction in God?
2. Does God feel right now to you, far off right or near? In either case, what should your response be to that feeling? Is there some way you need to adjust your thinking, beliefs, or actions?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that we would see and think of God as the one who can and promises to deliver us in the midst of whatever circumstances.
2. Ask God to work through the Christmas toy shop ministry on 12/16: that people would be pointed to Christ, and that He would be glorified through our generosity.
3. Praise God he sent his only son to die for us so that we can have peace!