

FAC Small Group Questions

Sunday Sermon September 20, 2020

Icebreaker Opening Question:

If you could have dinner with three people – living or dead – who would it be and why? What would you serve?

Standing Firm in Fragile Times: Isaiah 40

1. How would you describe the fragile world we are living in? How do you think we got this way?

2. A.W. Tozer said, “The most important thing about you is what comes to your mind when you think of God.” Do you believe this, and why do you think Tozer would say this?

Pause and have your group read Isaiah 40 in its entirety.

3. Isaiah is writing to people who **will** experience captivity and later deliverance. Isaiah is communicating what will happen by the sovereign hand of God. How does it affect our emotions that we know that God is always out in front of us and he is there with love? What characteristics of God from this passage bring us comfort?

4. Isaiah said in verse 3 to *prepare and make straight the way of the Lord*. In our language it would be *get your life ready to meet your God!* Question: What does a life that is getting prepared to meet their God look like?

5. In verses 12-26 Isaiah communicates that God is wise and watchful over his creation and immense and powerful over the nations and their leaders. This a great truth, but what questions does this also bring to your mind?

6. Isa. said in 40: 30-31, that those who hope in the Lord will mount up with wings like eagles. What could this look like practically in daily life and in this season? (Think back to the eagle/crow illustration.)

At the very beginning of the message, Pastor Paul mentioned there is the “it” we face that brings either fear or sadness or anger or bitterness (or something else). What came to your mind as an “it” in your life where you need to see God as bigger and greater?

Pray for each other as a group.