

### **3.17.19 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations - Tim**

#### **Exile and Hope of New Exodus**

##### Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a few questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

**Hook** - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- (Just for fun, not related to the study): If you could use a texture or a color to describe your personality, what would it be?

##### Background / Reading

#### **Read: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately?

**Book** - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- What is the meaning of vs. 3-5? (Echo back to the Exodus story)
- How is Israel's time in exile like their time in Egypt / the desert?
- Why would God / Isaiah want to remind the exiled Israelites of that time?
- How is God described in this passage (esp. vs. 10-11)? How is God like a warrior? How is he like a shepherd? How can he be both at the same time?

**Look** - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- How has God been like a mighty warrior in your life?
- How has he led you gently like a shepherd?

**Took** - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- Think about your life, or people you love, or the world — where do you long to see the Sovereign Lord come in power and rule with a mighty arm?
- Is there a situation in your life where you long for Jesus' tender care and guidance?
- If anyone would like specific prayer for one of these things, spend time praying for them as a group.