

Home Small Group Lesson
The Herald
Isaiah 40:1-11

Start It Up

- **Opening Icebreaker:**

*Some people are still able to quote the first Scripture they ever memorized. Can you do that? Or maybe just tell one story about a Scripture you remember hearing from a mom or dad in childhood.

Talk it Over

- **Sermon in a Sentence:**

- *God comforts us,* (v.1-2)
- *...by sending His Word,* (v.3-8)
- *...which is news worth shouting!* (v.9-11)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- What is one way God has comforted you lately? What is one Scripture that has given hope or encouragement recently?
- The comfort of Isaiah 40:2 is that your “sin has been paid for.” Do you feel the comfort that your sin has been paid for **OR** do you still battle with misplaced guilt? Explain.
- Read 1 Peter 1:24-25 about the role of God’s Word in our salvation. What role did God’s Word play when you were *born again*? Tell a brief story of what Word or biblical truth led to your salvation.
- Read Isaiah 40:10-11 about the character of God. He is both **King & Shepherd. Mighty and Near.** He rules over us, and He holds us. How do these truths give comfort for what you are facing personally or nationally?

Pray it Over:

- Pray over the Scripture you remember from childhood. Thank God for the people He has used to deliver God’s Word to your heart.
- Give God praise for being mighty and the one who rules over nations.
- Cast your cares upon the Lord, thanking Him that whatever you are facing, He *tends his flock, gathers His lambs, carries us near His heart, and gently leads us.*
- The good news is worth shouting! Pray that God gives each one of you boldness to be a “Herald” for His name..