

## Study Questions: Isaiah 41 – Longing for Home

### 1. Setting the Stage

- Corrie ten Boom and her family endured unimaginable suffering for the sake of others. What stands out to you most from her story? How does it help prepare your heart to hear God's promises in Isaiah 41?

### 2. God on Trial (v.1)

- When have you felt like you were “putting God on trial”—asking if He exists, if He is enough, or if He will keep His promises?
- Why do you think God allows and even welcomes those questions?

### 3. God's Sovereignty (vv.2–4)

- What does it mean that God is “the first and with the last”?
- How does His sovereignty bring both comfort and challenge when we look at world events today?

### 4. False Security (vv.5–7)

- How do the nations respond to fear and uncertainty in these verses?
- Where do people in our culture (or in your own life) tend to look for “small gods” when life feels unstable?

### 5. Fear Not (vv.8–14)

- Why do you think “Fear not” is one of the most repeated commands in the Bible?
- In this passage, what reasons does God give His people for not being afraid?
- Who in your life has been a steady presence for you in times of fear or despair? How does that help you understand God's presence with His people?

### 6. Chosen, Not Earned (vv.8–9)

- How does God's reminder of Israel's chosen-ness point back to Abraham?
- Why is it important that God chose His people not because of their greatness, but because of His love?
- How does this truth free us from performance-based faith today?

### 7. The “I Will” Promises (vv.10–20)

- Which of the “I will” promises (strengthen, help, uphold) speaks to you most right now, and why?
- How do these promises connect to the covenant God made with Abraham?

- What does the imagery of rivers in the desert and trees springing up in barren land (vv.17–20) reveal about God’s provision and restoration?

## **8. Redeemer and Righteous Right Hand (v.14)**

- What does it mean that God upholds us with His “righteous right hand”?
- How does this point us toward Jesus as Redeemer?
- Corrie ten Boom once said, *“You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have.”* How does that truth connect with Israel’s exile experience and with our own struggles?

## **9. Longing for Home**

- Israel longed for home while in exile. Corrie ten Boom longed for freedom while imprisoned. We often long for relief, security, or restoration in our own lives. How do God’s promises in Isaiah 41 redirect that longing toward Him?
- In what ways does the ultimate “home” of God’s presence (heaven) change the way we face fear and despair today?

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