



God is in Control Small Group Guide (SGG)

Scripture: Isaiah 40:12-26

Long ago God promised to bring the Jews home, but the idol gods of Babylon weighed heavy against any hope of return. Isaiah's prophetic words declare no other god can compare to the Lord God and no man or demon or nation can prevent God from accomplishing His mission to seek and save the lost.

1. What is the complaint of the exiles (see v. 27)? What did the Jews need to learn about God before they would be restored to their homeland (see v.21 & v. 28)?
2. What was the intended effect of all these rhetorical questions? In each comparison (creation, knowledge, and the nations) how does God fare?
3. Can we truly fathom how big God is? Where do you see the bigness of God? Consider how difficult it was for the Jews who met Jesus to see Him as the God-Man.
4. In the sermon Bob listed some present day idols: Identity, Consumerism, Technology, Sex, Entertainment, and Comfort. Do you struggle with any of these idols? Evaluate by asking yourself the following questions: Where do I Spend My Time? Where do I Spend my money? Where do I get my joy? What's always on my mind?
5. Consider how God pours out power, wisdom and love to bring us into a relationship with Him. Pause and reflect on this through prayer.

6. In facing the challenges before you, your family or this nation, "Is your God too small?"

7. Read Isaiah 40 again. What brings you the most comfort in this passage?