

## **"Three Words"**

*Isaiah 40*

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**Big Idea: The content and the aim of the Gospel is to behold God!**

**Introduction: Comfort for God's people**

- **Comfort**
- **Get Ready**
- **Trust in God's Word**

**1. Behold His immeasurable wisdom (12-17)**

**2. Behold His incomparable worth (18-26)**

**3. Behold His inexhaustible strength (27-31)**

## **RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

1. Discuss the historical context of Isaiah chapter 40. Why do you think understanding Biblical history is important for your understanding of individual passages of Scripture?
2. The good news (Gospel) in Isaiah 40:9 is described in the words, "Behold your God". What is Isaiah getting at here and how does this relate to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. We heard that the Gospel of Isaiah and the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4) is the same in both content and in its goal. Discuss these two ideas and compare Isaiah and Corinthians.
4. When we look at vss. 12-17 we see the immensity and incomprehensibility of God. What should our response be in light of seeing God in this way?
5. In vss. 18-26 Isaiah addresses the issue of idolatry. What is idolatry, and how does it relate to Isaiah's comment in verse 9 to "Behold your God"? What did Noah mean when he said idolatry is irrational?
6. In vss. 27-31 Isaiah highlights God's strength for us. We are limited and God is a fountain of life giving strength. Vs. 31 tells us that it is those who "wait on the Lord" who are the ones who will receive His strength. How do we do this? What are we actually hoping for by doing this?