

Questions

1. When have you recently found yourself in need of comfort? What were the circumstances? Where did you look or what did you do for comfort?
2. What are some verses that remind you of the Lord's faithful presence in your life and the fact that He will not forsake you?
3. What did Jesus say about the source and authority for the truths He spoke? How is His example in this area important for you? How are you being intentional about your intake of God's Word?
4. Read Isaiah 51:5-8. What themes stand out to you? How is God described?
5. As we meditate on God's character and His deeds, we see His righteousness, and His power to save. How is it comforting to know that God is righteous in His dealing with your sin and in judging the wicked?
6. What is the connection between the Gospel of Jesus Christ that saves us from our sin and the good news that God reigns in Isaiah 52:7? How does that give you comfort?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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Comfort My People

Isaiah 49:14-52:12

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The portion of Isaiah we've been studying (chapters 40-55) opened with God's call to comfort His people (40:1). In chapters 49-52 we learn four ways that God's people experience His comfort.

Comfort, as introduced in Isaiah 40:1, is a significant theme in the second section of Isaiah (chaps 40-55).

Isaiah 48:22, with its solemn warning of no peace for the wicked, lays the groundwork for Isaiah 49. Though the people are freed from captivity, their greatest obstacle remains: They cannot be reconciled to the Lord unless atonement is made for their sin. They need a message of good news and forgiveness.

Four lessons about how God's children experience His perfect comfort:

1. By remembering that we are never alone or forgotten
(49:14 – 50:3)
2. By listening to His Word (50:4-11)
Who are you listening to and following (50:10)?
3. By knowing His righteous character and deeds (51)
4. By rejoicing in His rule and salvation (52:7-10)