**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 17**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 40:1 – 43:28

1. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 40:31).

 b. When have you used that verse in your life?

2. What was the prophecy and promise to Judah in Jeremiah 29:10-11?

 . . . Jeremiah 29:14?

3. a. What was God’s concern in Isaiah 40:1-2?

 b. What characteristics of God do you use in those verses?

4. Describe what that future plan would include concerning:

 a. a voice resounding

 b. obstacles removed

 c. God’s glory revealed

5. According to Matthew 3:1-3, who was the voice of Isaiah 40:3 and what was the message of preparation?

6. a. What is transitory and what is permanent in Isaiah 40:6-8?

 b. What difference does it make in your life that “the word of our God stands forever?” Please share.

 c. How has in-depth Bible study of God’s Word such as this study helped your spiritual growth?

7. a. How is the Lord described in vs. 10-11?

 b. What title does Jesus claim in John 10:11?

8. Isaiah 40:12-17 magnifies the Lord over the nations. Why is He more powerful?

 . . . wiser?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 40:18 – 41:16

9. Mankind may craft idols (vs. 18-20), but God is God? From vs. 21-26, how is evidence of that seen in the affairs of men?

 . . . in the heavens?

10. What attributes of God are mentioned in vs. 28?

11. a. Share a time when you have experienced God’s strength in your life as described in vs. 29.

 b. Write Psalm 73:26.

12. What do you think are practical ways to tap into the spiritual strength of Isaiah 40:31?

Note: Many commentators identify “one from the East” as Cyrus who would lead the overthrow of Babylon and begin the release of God’s people to return to Jerusalem.

13. What point is made in vs. 2-4 about the success of this conqueror?

14. To what do nations under attack turn?

15. a. What did God . . .

 . . . consider Israel?

 . . . confirm to Israel?

 . . . convey to Israel?

 b. From these Scriptures, what does God . . .

 . . . consider you? Romans 8:16

 . . . confirm to you? 1 Peter 2:10

 . . . convey to you? Matthew 18:20

16. In Isaiah 41:11-20, what is said about . . .

 a. Israel’s enemies?

 b. Israel’s rejoicing?

 c. God’s divine hand?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 41:17-29

17. a. How did the Lord challenge the false gods?

 b. . . . condemn them and their followers?

18. a. God had done what the idols could not. What were the “good tidings” given to Israel in Ezekiel 20:41-44?

 b. How does the Lord continue to demonstrate His grace to us today?

19. False gods . . . (fill in Isaiah 41:29) “Their deeds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. Express why each of the following thoughts is a comfort:

 a. the Word of God is permanent (40:8)

 b. the strength of God brings refreshment (40:30-31)

 c. the promise of God is deliverance (41:10)

 d. the prophecy of God is assured hope (41:27)

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 42:1-25

21. a. In the Messianic passage of today’s Scripture (vs. 1-4), what was the servant’s mission?

 . . . evidence of His modest ministry?

 . . . true of Him as a man and the Messiah?

 b. Read Matthew 12:15-21. Who is the fulfillment of this prophecy?

 c. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, how was Jesus “a bruised reed” and a “wick not snuffed out?”

22. a. By His authority as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, God gave His servant what promise of protection?

 . . . divine commission to perform?

 b. Consider that commission and comment on how Jesus Christ has given light and freedom to you. Please share.

23. Why is God’s past faithfulness important?

24. a. Israel had indulged in idol worship. What did the Lord say He had done in vs. 14?

 b. When do you find yourself doing that or not doing that?

 c. What do these Scriptures say about silence and self-control?

 Proverbs 13:3

 James 1:26

 2 Peter 1:5-7

25. How had Israel failed as the Lord’s servant in:

 a. vs. 19?

 b. vs. 20?

26. a. What did Israel have for guidance in vs. 21?

 b. What had they failed to do in vs. 24?

 c. So they suffered but (fill in vs. 25) “they did not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . . . they did not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 43:1-29

27. Past failure is not fatal. What did God promise in vs. 1-2?

28. As Israel’s Savior, what would God do as He redeemed them from Babylon?

29. a. What fears (vs. 5) do you think God’s captive people might have?

 b. As you think about God drawing “everyone who is called by My name” near, do you have any fears? Please share.

30. No idol foretells events. What did God declare about Himself in vs. 10-11?

31. (IN-DEPTH) Vs. 12 said God had “revealed, saved and proclaimed.” Give an example of how He had done that in Israel’s history.

32. Fill in: “When I act, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (vs. 13)

33. a. What does the Lord say about Babylon?

 b. . . . the past?

 c. What is the danger of dwelling in the past instead of focusing on what God will do in the future?

34. Instead of honor and sacrifice, how had Israel burdened the Lord?

35. What would God do and why?

36. Why is no one innocent of sin against God from these Scriptures?

 a. Romans 3:23

 b. 1 John 1:8

37. If Israel were treated as she deserved, what would be her fate in Isaiah 43:2?

38. Summarize this lesson:

 a. Past sins recalled

 b. Present servitude revealed