

Dig Deeper: Isaiah 40:1-2

As some Life Groups will not be meeting, these questions are also for personal reflection.

If you want to understand Isaiah better you may want to listen to the "Spoken Gospel podcast" which has three episodes which give a great overview of Isaiah. Although the "Bible Talk" podcast from Southern Seminary is only part way through Isaiah, I found it very helpful and I am looking forward to the episodes which cover Chapter 40 onwards. Both Podcasts can be found on Spotify.

1. Looking at Chapter 40 Verses 1 & 2, how does this section help you to understand how deeply loved you are by Christ and what Jesus achieved for you at the cross? You may want to read Chapter 53 and to reflect upon the costliness of God's love for you.
2. Look at Verses 3-5. Do you ever feel like your life is chaotic like the wilderness or dry like a desert? If so, how surprising is this considering that Jesus was "a man of sorrows and familiar with grief"?
3. When have you experienced a revelation of the glorious mercy of God on the toughest of days? How does this encourage you for the future?
4. Do you agree that one of the best opportunities for growth in holiness and application of the Bible to your day to day life is through studying the Bible regularly with other people? What opportunities can you create in your life to study the Bible both by yourself and with other people?
5. How important is praying with others for growth in your relationship with Christ and with other believers? What opportunities can you build into your life to allow you to pray with others on a regular basis?