

LISTENING GUIDE

Isaiah 40:1-11 – No Other Comfort

1. Some _____ cannot be healed by superficial _____.
2. There is no other _____ like what God gives in _____.
3. Isaiah's pictures of God's forgiveness:
 - 1) The people's hard _____ is _____.
 - 2) The debt of _____ has been _____.
 - 3) A double _____ of God's _____.
4. God's _____ was revealed in a baby; the least _____ way.
5. We are confident of this comfort, because Jesus...
 - 1) _____ our hard service.
 - 2) _____ our debt by his _____.
 - 3) Gives the double portion of grace: _____ and _____.
6. To know this comfort that exceeds all others, we _____ ourselves to God in _____.
7. God uses the heavy equipment of his _____ to _____ our hearts for Jesus.

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. The section from Isaiah 40 was rich with content. In the sermon message we talked about some of the pictures that were used of God's forgiveness. There are other pictures used in the section, (e.g. the flowers of the field- v.6, God as our Shepherd – v.11).

Which of the pictures in Isaiah 40 has the greatest impact on you? Why?

How might you use these pictures as you talk with others about what Jesus means to them?

2. Another part of the rich content of this section is the encouragements provided in verse 9. That section tells those who bring good tidings to “go up on a high mountain”, “lift up your voice with a shout,” and “do not be afraid.” In the Christmas season we become acutely aware of the good news we can bring to others. **How does Isaiah 40:9 (and this week's sermon message) help you to be bold as you tell others about their Savior and their God?**

