

### The Heart of the Matter

12. The Gospels quote verse 3 in reference to John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. What does this passage imply about the identity of Jesus?

13. How can you “prepare the way” in your life for Jesus?

14. Jesus comes as a Shepherd in verse 11 as well as a King. As one of His subjects what are you in need of? As one of His sheep?

15. How does this prophetic passage about the coming of Christ from Isaiah encourage your understanding of the overall Gospel message of the Bible?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### Go Tell It On The Mountain Isaiah 40:1-11 For the Week of December 12, 2021

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
  
2. What was the most exciting news you ever received? Why was it so welcome?
  
3. What is the farthest distance you have ever run or walked? How did you feel at the end?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. Jerusalem's deliverance in 701 BC from the Assyrian king Sennacherib (Isaiah 37) climaxes the prophecies of chapters 1-39. Chapters 40-48 deal with events that occur some 150 years later. In 587 BC Jerusalem is sacked and its people deported by Babylon, the new world power (2 Kings 25). Given this situation, what does Isaiah's emphatic "comfort" mean to Israel?

5. What word of comfort do the three "voices" bring in verses 3, 6, and 9? What images does the Lord use to assure his people of their forgiveness?

6. In Isaiah's time the coming of a king was announced by a herald. People literally leveled the roads the king would travel. What king is in view in verses 3-5? What does it mean to prepare the way for him?

7. How would this message affect you if you were one of these defeated people torn away from your home, your faith, and your way of life? After all you'd been through at the hands of foreign kings, how would you feel toward the coming king?

8. What then would the eternal word of God mean to you in verses 6-8? What does it mean that God's Word stands forever?

9. What promises from Israel's history might be in view here? (Genesis 1:1-3; 2 Samuel 7:8-16)

10. From verse 9 why is it so important that we proclaim the kings coming so boldly?

11. What will we know about the way in which the king finally comes when he arrives? What is so significant about verse 11 in this passage? (Psalm 23; John 10:25-30)