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| (*continued from previous page)*   |  | | --- | | Vs. 9-10 > Behold Your God!  * When was the last time you beheld something? * The best comfort we can get is to look at God. He brings everything into perspective. * What gets in the way of you focusing on the Lord? * In ancient times wars were seen as battles not just between two nations but the gods of those nations. * Is there a parallel that we can draw to today? Do some lack confidence in God because some might describe God as “losing” in worldly terms?  Vs. 11 > The Good Shepherd  * Being a Shepherd is hard work. What do you know about shepherding? * Our trust in a leader should be dependent on how well they look after others. * With that in mind how much more trustworthy is Jesus compared to other “leaders” we see today? * When we step back and look at God as our Good Sheperd we are comforted. | | Logo  Description automatically generatedCalvary Oxnard 2001 Eastman Ave Oxnard, CA 93030 calvaryoxnard.org | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Discussion Points for  “Behold Your God! ”   Isaiah 40:1-11 | |  | | Calvary Oxnard GROUPS  Sunday, December 4th, 2022  1 | |

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| First God knew that his people would need great comfort after enduring judgment for sin. God’s plan from the beginning was repentance that led to comfort. Discussion PointsVs. 1-2 > Finally Comfort  * Chapter 40 comes after much judgment in the previous 39 chapters. Isaiah gave the bad news first but now we get a glimpse of how God plans to comfort and save. * It is important that we as Christians are balanced in our messages like Isaiah, and like Jesus who was full of grace and truth. * Are you better at preaching judgment or comfort? * Read 2 Cor 1:3-4. What comfort have you received from the Lord that you can pass on to others? * Read Pro. 3:11-12. How do you react to discipline and correction? |  |  | Vs. 3-5 > God Prepares a Way  * A city would do a lot of work to a road in preparation for a king to enter. In the same way, God had been prepping the way for His Son to enter the world. * What did some of that preparation look like? * The goal of the preparations was to make a smooth journey for the king to enter. * We are all in need of sanctification in our lives. * What hills need to be brought low in your life? * What valleys need to be filled in?  Vs. 6-8 > Take the Long View  * Life can seem short or long depending on what stage you are in. * Does your life seem to fly by or crawl by? * How has God’s Word stood the test of time? * God’s Word stands forever. How does this affect the way we live?   *(continued on next page)* |



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