

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Deep Longings”
Complement to lesson on 12/19/21 – “Love”**

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Would you rather have been one of the shepherds that the angels appeared to or been among the caravan with the wisemen who brought gifts to Jesus?
2. Share a time you felt loved in the past week.

MEMORIZE – 1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10

“... how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come”

READ – Isaiah 40

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. How about anything you don't understand? Can anyone gathered (or someone you know) help provide clarity?
2. How many questions do you count being asked in this chapter? Who is asking them? Why are these questions being asked? What is their point?
3. In addition to asking questions, a definitive answer is given. Read again verses 21-31 with a specific focus on 28-31. What answer is given? What is our takeaway to be?
4. As in Isaiah 30, we see a call in 40:31 to “wait for the LORD.” What does it mean to wait on the Lord? According to the imagery, what will happen for those who wait on the Lord? In what areas do you need to wait on the Lord?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Knowing God

Make your own poster/sign of Isaiah 40: 28-31. Take time and write it out and then color/decorate your poster. Put the verses in your own words if you'd like. Then hang it in a prominent spot that you will see every day. Each day of the week, take time to read these verses several times. Ask the LORD to know him, personally, in one of the ways that He is described in these verses in your own life.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

King of Kings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

O Come O Come Emmanuel - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=draHA_9MS18

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZeJKsko14E>

O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ-N27N8iQ4>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

May you know and experience the love of the LORD as you seek Him, trust Him and follow Him this week. As you go, bring the good news and be a source of love to those where you live, work and play.