

Prepare the Way...For Hope!
Text: Isaiah 40:1-5
December 2, 2023

Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3

- a) What are your favourite parts about Christmas? Why those ones?
- b) Do you have any family traditions that you have at Christmas? If so, what are they?
- c) What is it important to prepare our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas (ie-Jesus coming to us)?

Hope is found in God alone; we must trust in...

Point 1: His WORD of Hope: "I will FORGIVE!" (vv. 1-2)

Question: Sin is our hindrance to hope and only God can forgive. Will you believe this?

Sermon Notes...

Apply It...

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 1-2:** Why did the Israelites have reason for hope (Hint: What was God going to do for them)?
- b) Why is our sin a hindrance to living in the unshakeable hope & comfort that we can have in Jesus?
- c) What sin(s) are you pursuing right now that is hindering your hope & comfort in the Lord?

Point 2: His WAY of HOPE: “You must REPENT!” (vv. 3-4)

Question: The way of hope runs through repentance. Will you turn from your sin?

Sermon Notes...

Apply It...

Question #5

- a) **Rd. vv. 3-4:** What picture does God give through Isaiah to show the people what sin does in their hearts?
- b) What does God say is the way to have those hindrances removed if they are to find hope and salvation in Him?
- c) Look back at question 3c above. Spend time in prayer & repentance for those “heart hindrances”.

Point 3: His WORK of Hope: “JESUS will COME!” (v. 5)

Question: Jesus is God’s promised hope for the world. Will you believe in Him?

Sermon Notes...

Apply It...

- a) **Rd v. 5:** Look at the verse again. How does this verse point to Jesus?
- b) What does the “glory of God” mean?
- c) Where was the greatest display of God’s glory seen?
- d) Have you repented of your sin and believed that Jesus is your Saviour and Lord? If not, do it tonight!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, I worship You because you are_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Jesus, I repent of my sin of_____ that hinders me from knowing You.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, thank You that, in You, I can live with hope even when_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Jesus, i) I pray you would help me trust Your Word when_____ ii) I would be quick to repent of sin when you reveal it iii) I pray for greater faith in You when_____.

Memory Verse:

“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”-Isaiah 40:5

MERRY CHRISTMAS HOPE YOUTH! YOU ARE LOVED VERY MUCH!

