



DOING **MORE** BY DOING **LESS**



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"Be Still and Wait on God"
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Guidelines: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion

1. Read Isaiah 40 and review the **main points** of the sermon.

Two important things God would say to people who are shattered by hard circumstances. Devastating news that we can't change and derails our life ongoing.

- a. You better know Who your God is in the Midst of Shattering Circumstances
- b. You'll need to Love God's Word and live for more than the present moment to avoid losing heart in difficult circumstances

2. Reflect and Ruminare:

- a. The best way to persevere through hard circumstances is to "know" God in an intimate personal way vs. just facts about Him. This helps us get our eyes off the "why & what" questions of the flesh. Does anyone have a testimony of how God used (or is currently using) hard circumstances to bring you closer to Him in an intimate way? Explain and encourage one another.
- b. What's the hardest part about "waiting" on the Lord with hopeful and eager expectation so that you can persevere as an expression of your faith?

3. Renew & Replace:

- a. Which one of the following below do you need to focus on more to help you love God's Word more than living in the present moment? Look at How God's Word...
 - i. ...Has already been fulfilled in the past? (v3-5)
 - ii. ...Points to the future? (Mt 24:29-30)

4. Request:

- a. How can our group pray for and encourage you as you go through your hard circumstances?

5. Remember:

- a. Don't get stuck in trying to soar too fast. William Carey wrote, "I can plod...The greatest heroes of the faith are not always those who are soaring but those who are simply taking the next step." What is the next step of faith and obedience you need to take this week to help you persevere right now?

Prayer Emphasis:

Spend some time thanking God for being a personal God with loving tenderness and power. "Comfort, Comfort my people, says your God" (v1) and "behold, his reward is with him and his works before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young"(v10-11).