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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

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## CHAPTERS 40-66

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### Lesson 2: 40:1-41:25 - The Trial

#### Introduction

If you watch true crime documentaries or are familiar with the courtroom for other reason, tell us what sights and sounds you might perceive during a trial. Let's see if we can come up with six.

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| 1. | 3. | 5. |
| 2. | 4. | 6. |

**Lesson Goal: Experience the comfort that comes from a loving God in comparison to that of idols**

#### The LORD's defense

##### 40:1-11 - The LORD's plan

In verse 1, who is God telling to comfort his people?

Agree or Disagree: The Old Testament God is primarily a God of wrath and judgment.

Many of us have not experienced hard labor through slavery or warfare, how do these words of comfort apply to us?

Who is the foretold voice calling out in verses three and four? Reference Mt 3:1-13, Mk 1:1-3, Lk 3:2-6, and John 1:23.

What was the ultimate revelation of the glory of the Lord foretold in verse five?

The focus is ultimately on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For proof of this look to 1 Peter 1:23-25.

### **40:12-41:7 - The LORD is greater**

Verses 12-14 can strike us as very similar to Romans 11:33-36. Knowing this is a common thought shown in Scripture, can you think of at least three examples of how unsearchable God's ways are?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

This section demonstrates God's greatness by comparing him to literal idols. What comparisons might we make today?

Agree or Disagree: Denying the Genesis account of creation is inconsequential to one's faith in God.

In verses 29-31, we hear about the strength that God gives to the weak. In what circumstances of life might these verses feel extra comforting?

### **41:8-20 - The LORD is the defender**

Listen to what the LORD says to his chosen people in verse 10. Then, apply this to yourself.

What fears are you currently facing?

How does God comfort you in the face of this fear?

Agree or Disagree: We give proper attention to the immanence (nearness) of God.

### **The Idols on trial**

#### **41:21-24 - The idols are nothing**

Compare and contrast the work of God to that of idols.

If God is so great and idols are nothing, why do so many people choose to go with the idols?

### **Conclusion**

Come up with one word to describe how you feel after God put the idols on trial.