

## God's Got Questions!

Lesson One • Isaiah 40:25-31

### Who Is My Equal?

#### The Value of God's Questions:

God's questions are for our BENEFIT—they challenge what we believe and how we behave!

#### Our Awesome God:

### 1. Judah's Problem: Wrong HOPES and False FEARS!

- Judah was trying to live off hopes that were two sizes too SMALL.
- Judah traded their hopes for fears that were two sizes too BIG.

### 2. God's Question: "Who Is My EQUAL?"

*"To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.  
Isaiah 40:25*

- One arm of God is POWERFUL, winning the battle as a "Mighty Ruler."

*Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him;  
behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. Isaiah 40:10*

- One arm of God is GENTLE, caring for the weak as a "Loving Shepherd."

*He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry  
them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. Isaiah 40:11*

#### Getting a Grip On the Awesomeness of God:

God is BIGGER than we imagine and yet CLOSER than we think.

*Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my just claim is passed over by my God?"? Isaiah 40:27*

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the  
ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. There is no searching of His understanding.  
Isaiah 40:28*

### 3. Our Need: Put Our Hope in GOD!

- God knows you—so TURN to Him in faith.

*Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their  
host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and  
strength of His power, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40:26*

- God cares for you—so RELY on Him for strength.

*He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even  
the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who  
wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:29-31*

#### Making It Personal:

- What wrong hope or a false fear is sabotaging your life? Ask God to embrace you in His arms as a "Mighty Ruler" and a "Loving Shepherd."
- In light of God's awesomeness, have you surrendered your life to Him? Or are you still trying to live your own way in your own strength?
- Are you willing to wait and totally depend on the Lord for new strength? Turn to God in prayer and tell Him you're putting your hope in Him and relying on Him for strength.