

## Sermon Discussion Questions- September 23rd

Sermon: The temporary and the eternal -Pastor Jim Dykes

Isaiah 40:1-8

## Head (God speaks to us through His Word)

Take a moment to reread the passage of Scripture in your group time and encourage someone to take 2-3 minutes to summarize the message of the sermon.

What have you noticed this week about the temporary and fleeting nature of this life?

How can the "fixed" nature of God's word help us navigate life in a chaotic and ever-changing world?

God's "word of judgment" and "word of comfort" are eternally certain. Where else can you go in Scripture to learn about or share with others concerning the "comfort" or "judgement" that is sure to come?

## Heart (God shapes our desires)

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through the preaching of God's Word? Did anything from the sermon stand out as particularly challenging, convicting, or hopeful?

Can you share a story of when God exchanged "ashes" for "beauty" or "mourning" for "joy" in your life? How does that effect your times of trial today?

Where are you experiencing brokenness or pain currently? How can you walk in hope in the midst of that? How can the group help you?

## Hands (God sends us and works through us as we respond)

What are the implications from this sermon for your life? How does this sermon speak to your life specifically? What will your response be?

Take some time this week to audit your life. Would most of your "investments" be aimed at the temporary instead of the eternal? Are there things that should change in how you spend your time, energy, passions, and resources in life?

How can you share what God is teaching you with other Christians? With those who don't yet know Jesus? Pray and look for an opportunity to share with those who come to mind.