SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 18, 2026

Isaiah 40:27-31

[27] Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? [28] Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. [29] He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. [30] Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; [31] but they who wait for 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.

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt abandoned by God, when it seemed like He was hiding when you needed Him the most. How do you deal with situations like that? How has God revealed to you His promise that He will never leave nor forsake you?

2. In our sermon we heard that as believers, we must learn to always start in heaven with God and then come to earth to face life's problems. What do you think this means and how do you practically do this?

3. In v. 28, Isaiah emphasizes that God is everlasting. He is the Creator of the ends of the earth and does not grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable. Which one of these traits stands out to you most, bringing you the most comfort in times of trial and suffering? Why?

4. Self-sufficiency is generally a good thing, especially in moderation. However, in our sermon we heard that God doesn't help the self-sufficient. In your opinion, what should self-sufficiency look like in the life of a Christian?

5. When is weakness a good thing and how is this seen most clearly at the cross of Christ?

6. In v.31 Isaiah says that those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. What do you think it means to wait on the Lord and how does this waiting renew one's strength? Have you ever experienced this in your own life? If so, how?

7. Waiting on the Lord does not always mean we will soar through life like an eagle. Rather, faithfulness often means not fainting as we put one foot in front of the other through the trials of life. Why is it important for you to realize this?