Sharing God's Heart for the World (3/30/25)

Verses: Isaiah 45:22-23 Main Verse: Isaiah 45:22-23

'Takeaway': One day, everyone will have to acknowledge that God is God. But he desires that people all around the world would gladly embrace that truth through

faith today, before the end comes.

Getting Started: What is something (or someone) that you turn to instead of God?

READ: Isaiah 45:22-23 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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