

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
DECEMBER 25, 2022

TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY
ISAIAH 40:1-11

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

God's declaration, preparation and promise of comfort for his sinful people finds its culmination in the good tidings of Christ's coming.

- I.** God Declares Comfort (v.1-2)
- II.** God Prepares Comfort (v.3-5)
- III.** God's Sure Promise of Comfort (v.6-8)
- IV.** The Good Tidings of the Coming Christ (v.9-11)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1. How does this declaration of comfort from God in Jesus Christ speak to your heart today? Where do you need comfort or consolation?
- 2. Why would God emphasize the certainty of His Word as he brings this message to his people? What words of God do you struggle to believe? How will you deal with that doubt?
- 3. What are other prophecies in Isaiah that are fulfilled in the coming of the Christ?
- 4. Covenant children – do you need God's comfort? Why? And how can you access God's comfort?

FURTHER READING: Isa 9:6-7; Matt 3:2; Luke 1:17, 2:10b-11, 17, 25-26; John 1:14; Rom 5:20-21; Gal 4:4-5; 1 Pet 1:24-25