### **Community Group Discussion Guide**

Sunday, January 9, 2022 Scripture: Isaiah 41

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH

#### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In chapter 41, God uses Isaiah to proclaim His Supremacy as the Great I am, His sufficiency as the Holy One of Israel, and the surety of his decrees.

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- Who is Isaiah's audience for chapter 41, and how does that help us understand the meaning?
- Who is God addressing in verses 1-7, and what is His message? What do these verses reveal about God? Who is the "one from the east" (verse 2) and the "one from the north" (verse 25) that God will send to achieve his purposes?
- What does it mean that God is the "first and the last"? What was Jesus claiming by using this title (Revelation 1:8, 21:6)?
- What has terrified the nations, and where do they turn for safety (verses 5-7)? When paralyzed with fear, where do you turn?
- What comforting message does God give his oppressed people in verses 8-20? What does God's right hand signify/symbolize?
- What does God remind his people about Himself and their identity in verses 8-9?
- What command and promise does God make to his people in verse 10? Do you trust God to care for and protect you?
- How will God use his people to accomplish his purposes (verses 14-16)?
- Do you regularly ponder and rejoice in the Lord's glorious, redeeming work (verse 16)?
- Who is God addressing in verses 21-24? What is idolatry? Name some idols our world tells us to worship. How do we guard against idolatry?
- What is the good news predicted in verse 27?

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