

Personal/Group Study Guide for Week of 1/13/08

*“No One Like **HIM**”*

John 3:16 & Isaiah 40:18-31 (esp. v18)

- 1) Read Isaiah 40:18. To whom, then, will you compare God? What image will you compare Him to?

- 2) Read Isaiah chapters 40-55. Why were the Israelites in captivity? How had the Israelites disobeyed God? Why would the Israelites abandon God and pursue worship of meaningless idols? Is there any idol worship in your life – anything taking the place of God?

- 3) Remember/Share a time when you asked God “Why me?” or “Why now?” Think about a situation in which you have disobeyed God’s prompting(s) or biblical instruction(s). Write/Share how you responded to God when you began experiencing the consequences of your disobedience.

- 4) What are some of the ways in which you/we disappoint God today? What makes such actions or thoughts so appealing?

- 5) Ever feel like God has forgotten you? Ever feel insignificant or unimportant in God’s grand scheme of things? How so?

- 6) What are some of the evidences of God’s existence that you experience on a regular basis? Explain/Write how these evidences lead you into greater belief in God. How can one know God?

- 7) If you met a person who believed that God did not exist, what would you say to that person to attempt to convince him/her otherwise? (What about using the nature/creation, the original designer, the moral code, or the ability to identify injustice defense options?)

- 8) When was the last time you whined to God? In retrospect, was whining the best option? Why or why not?

- 9) The gospel write John knew that God was real because he had tangible proof. Read the following Scriptures and identify the proof of God’s existence within each verse. Psalm 19:1; 74:16; 90:2; 97:6; Isaiah 46:9; John 5:26; Acts 17:25; James 1:13.

- 10) What is one situation that you want to give to God right now? How has this situation been affecting your life? Pray.