**ISAIAH KINSHIP WEEK SEVEN**

We now start out on the second half of the wonderful book of Isaiah.

This week’s chapter …

Isaiah 40 ‘Comfort for God’s people’

There is so much in this Chapter and here are Seven Questions as a starter!!

**SEVEN QUESTIONS**

1. *‘Speak tenderly to Jerusalem’* (v.2) is such a welcome word throughout 1,000’s of years of history, and reveals the Lord’s concern for his people. How does that apply today – for the church and for the Jewish people?
2. Verses 3 to 5 probably remind us of John the Baptist. Do these words apply to anyone else?
3. *A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?”* in verse 6 reflects Isaiah’s words in Chapter 6. Both remind us of the tension which sometimes sits between a conviction that we need to tell people about Jesus and the Gospel, but the truth that we don’t know what words to speak! Does this ring true for you? How do we overcome this challenge?
4. Verses 11 onwards remind us of some of the wonderful attributes of God. List those that stand out for you in these wonderful verses.
5. Verses 18 – 20 remind us that the original hearers / readers of Isaiah’s message lived in a world which was full of idols and idolatry. Where do we see idolatry in our own times?
6. What a wonderful explanation in verse 26 ‘*Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.’* Does this excite you? Why?
7. Verses 28 – 31. God never tires. We get tired. Our strength can be renewed through our relationship with God. What does this look like for us today, as we seek to live the spiritual life? Can you share an example?