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| Monday | January 3, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 6-8; Matthew 3 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”

Says your God.

2 “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,

That her warfare is ended,

That her iniquity is pardoned;

For she has received from the Lord’s hand

Double for all her sins.”

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted

And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough places smooth;

5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

6 The voice said, “Cry out!”

And he said, “What shall I cry?”

“All flesh is grass,

And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.”

9 O Zion,

You who bring good tidings,

Get up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem,

You who bring good tidings,

Lift up your voice with strength,

Lift it up, be not afraid;

Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand,

And His arm shall rule for Him;

Behold, His reward is with Him,

And His work before Him.

11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;

He will gather the lambs with His arm,

And carry them in His bosom,

And gently lead those who are with young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,

Measured heaven with a span

And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?

Weighed the mountains in scales

And the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,

Or as His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him,

And taught Him in the path of justice?

Who taught Him knowledge,

And showed Him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket,

And are counted as the small dust on the scales;

Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,

Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before Him are as nothing,

And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.

18 To whom then will you liken God?

Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

19 The workman molds an image,

The goldsmith overspreads it with gold,

And the silversmith casts silver chains.

20 Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution

Chooses a tree that will not rot;

He seeks for himself a skillful workman

To prepare a carved image that will not totter.

21 Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,

And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,

Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He brings the princes to nothing;

He makes the judges of the earth useless.

24 Scarcely shall they be planted,

Scarcely shall they be sown,

Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth,

When He will also blow on them,

And they will wither,

And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

25 “To whom then will you liken Me,

Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high,

And see who has created these things,

Who brings out their host by number;

He calls them all by name,

By the greatness of His might

And the strength of His power;

Not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob,

And speak, O Israel:

“My way is hidden from the Lord,

And my just claim is passed over by my God”?

28 Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The everlasting God, the Lord,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Neither faints nor is weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak,

And to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,

And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the Lord

Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

3. Write your takeaways from Sunday’s message.

4. Why does the grass wither and the flower fade?

5. Discuss the use of the term Zion.

6. Read Isaiah 40:9 What is to be said?

7. Who is to say it where is it to be said and how is it to be said?

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| Tuesday | January 4, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 9-11; Matthew 4 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

Focus today on verse 10.

10 Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand,

And His arm shall rule for Him;

Behold, His reward is with Him,

And His work before Him.

3. Define and discuss the word behold.

4. How is the Lord coming?

5. What will the Lord do?

6. Discuss, “His reward with Him and His work before Him.”

7. We ended service Sunday with a song with the following lyrics,

“We are here for You, come and do what You do

We are here for You, come and do what You do

We set our hearts on You, come and do what You do”

Discuss this from the stance that everywhere we go, work gatherings, meetings etc., we are on mission for God. We are here there for Him and He must come and do what He does. Are you living that in your life?

The alternative to this approach is I go places and do things that are just for me. I work for a pay check, and I go to social gatherings that I enjoy, for me. God give me a little time to myself and if certain things set just right, then by all means sweep in and save the day, but for the most part, I will be me for a little while. Discuss the depravity of this approach to life.

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| Wednesday | January 5, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 12-14; Matthew 5:1-26 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

3. Prepare your takeaways for discussion. Be pointed and purposeful in what you desire to say. Remember several people would like to speak so work on what you want to say. Write it down. You are not being asked to discuss everything you write down from your takeaways. You are being asked to discuss something the Lord used to speak to you clearly. Share what God leads you to share. Be confident to share as He leads you, as it will impact others and perhaps open their eyes to clarity and strength. With that said let us be efficient in our delivery and purposeful in what we say. Let us be prepared. God anoints preparation….BE PREPARED!

Focus today on verse 11.

11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd;

He will gather the lambs with His arm,

And carry them in His bosom,

And gently lead those who are with young.

4. What will the Lord do? Discuss the significance of the term shepherd.

5. How will He do it?

6. Discuss gathering the lambs.

7. Discuss gently leading those who are with young.

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| Thursday | January 6, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 6; Matthew 5:27-48 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

Focus today on verses 12-14.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,

Measured heaven with a span

And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?

Weighed the mountains in scales

And the hills in a balance?

13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,

Or as His counselor has taught Him?

14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him,

And taught Him in the path of justice?

Who taught Him knowledge,

And showed Him the way of understanding?

3. What is verse 12 referring to?

4. Why do you think we are taken all the way back to creation?

5. Discuss what the Lord has done in this verse?

6. What does verse 13 shift things to?

7. What is being said in verse 14? What is the message in verses 12, 13, 1nd 14 together? Summarize these verses.

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| Friday | January 7, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

Sunday will be the second Sunday of 2022 so let us take a look at Seconds

Fun Friday

1. At 969 Methuselah was the longest-lived man. Who came in second?

2. Saul was the first King of Israel? Who was the second?

3. The first Covenant God made with man was His covenant with Noah. With whom did he make His second Covenant?

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5. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Who was the second?

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9. Jacob’s first born was Rueben. Who was his second?

10. David’s first capital city was Hebron. What was his second and more

famous capital?

11. The serpent in Eden was the first talking animal in the Bible. What was the second?

12. Eve is the first woman in the Bible. Who is the second?

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| Saturday | January 8, 2022 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 20-22, Matthew 7 |

1. Write Isaiah 40: 31.

2. Read Isaiah 40.

3. List the twelve tribes of Israel.

4. What books of the Bible are considered the Cannon?

5. List the Churches written to in Revelation.

6. Write the books of the Bible in order.

7. Pray for service tomorrow. Be ready to recite the memory verse for this week. Pray for your pastor. Pray for your church family. Pray for all who volunteer each and every week. Walk worthy of the calling today! Talk with someone about your preparation this week! Write the mission statement of theway church.

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| Sunday | January 2, 2021 |
| Reading Plan | Genesis 23-24; Matthew 8 |

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3. Pray for the service today.

4. Say the memory verse for the month to someone in your family.

5. Recite the mission statement of theway church to someone this morning.

6. Listen to praise and worship music on the way to church.

7. ATTEND SERVICE TODAY WITH A HEART OF JOY!

Answers to Fun Friday

1. At 969 Methuselah was the longest-lived man. Who came in second?

Jared (Genesis 5:20)

2. Saul was the first King of Israel? Who was the second?

Ishbosheth (2 Samuel 2:8-10)

3. The first Covenant God made with man was His covenant with Noah. With whom did he make His second Covenant?

Abraham (Genesis 15-17)

4. In John’s Gospel Jesus’ first miracle is turning water into wine. What is the second miracle?

Healing and officials son in Cana (John 4:43-54)

5. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Who was the second?

James brother of John (Acts 12:1-2)

6. Paul is first traveling companion was Barnabas who was his second?

Silas (Acts 15:36-41)

7. The first plague on in Egypt was the turning of the Nile waters to blood. What was the second?

Frogs (Exodus 8:1-8)

8. Othiniel was the first judge of Israel. Who was the second?

Ehud (Judges 3:15)

9. Jacob’s first born was Rueben. Who was his second?

Simeon (Genesis 29:33)

10. David’s first capital city was Hebron. What was his second and more

famous capital?

Jerusalem (2 Samuel 5:6-10)

11. The serpent in Eden was the first talking animal in the Bible. What was the second?

Balaam’s donkey (Numbers 22:28-30)

12. Eve is the first woman in the Bible. Who is the second?

Cain’s wife who is not named (Genesis 4:17)

13. Solomon led the way in constricting the first temple in Jerusalem. Who led the building of the second temple?

Zerubbabel and Joshua (Ezra 3)

14. Esther is the first book of the Bible not to mention the name of God? What is the second book with this omission?

Song of Solomon