1. Words of comfort from the LORD
   a) Isaiah 40:1-2 What did these words mean to those who heard them in the time of the prophet Isaiah?
   b) What comfort do you find in these words for your life today?
   c) What other Bible promises bring us comfort and assurance that the trials and tribulations of this life will finally come to an end?

2. Preparing the way of the LORD
   a) Isaiah 40:3-5 When was this prophecy fulfilled? (see Luke 3:1-6, John 1:19-23)
   b) Did this prophetic message end with the first coming of Jesus or is there still a prophetic message needed to “prepare the way of the LORD”? Revelation 14:6-7
   c) Isaiah 40:6-8 With death and decay all around us, what brings some stability to our lives?
   d) Is the Word of our God that stands forever a reference to His sayings or to the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us? John 1:1-3,14

3. A bearer of Good Tidings
   a) Isaiah 40:9 In the accounts of the birth of Messiah, who were the first heralds of Good News? Angels, shepherds, Anna, Simeon, etc.
   b) How does the prophet Isaiah describe the work of those who bring the Good Tidings about God’s deliverance? Isaiah 52:7
   c) Share a time when you had the privilege of bringing the Good News of salvation to someone. How did that experience impact your own life?

4. The LORD God as a Good Shepherd
   a) Isaiah 40:10-11 Why is this representation of the LORD as a loving Shepherd such Good News?
   b) Where else in the Bible do you see the LORD described as a Shepherd? Psalm 23, John 10:11-16
   c) How are you impacted by these inspired descriptions of the LORD as a Good Shepherd?

5. The LORD God as our awesome Creator and Sustainer
   a) Isaiah 40:25 What is the answer to this question posed by the Holy One? (see also Isaiah 44:6, 46:9-10)
   b) Isaiah 40:18-20 Why do people make idols and worship them? (see also Isaiah 44:9-10,15-17)
   c) What kinds of idolatry do we see today?
   d) How can we point idol worshipers to the one true God, our awesome Creator and Sustainer?
   e) What precious promise does the prophet Isaiah give to those who trust in the LORD? Isaiah 40:28-31
   f) How have you experienced the fulfillment of this promise in your own life?