

October 18: Isaiah 41:11-20

Gather: Bible, pen, paper, commentaries on Isaiah 41 (a couple resources are listed below to get you started)

Review: Read Isaiah 41:1-10 to refresh your memory. We talked about listening to God, His power, the nations' response to him and how God is for us despite us not deserving it.

Resources to help you: The following resources are not meant to be taken as fact, but to help you think through what might be being said and to understand the context of Isaiah 41.

- <https://bible-studys.org/Bible%20Books/Isaiah/Isaiah%20Chapter%2041.html>
- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/matthew-henry-complete/isaiah/41.html>

Inductive Study

Today we are practicing a three step Bible study method as we read **Isaiah 41:11-20**. You may wish to do this with a parent or sibling so you can talk about it and get other perspectives.

1. *Observation:* Read the passage and ask, "What does it say?"
 - a. If anything is unfamiliar to you, look up the words or phrases or try another Bible translation. Write down your observations.
2. *Interpretation:* Read the passage again. What does it mean? Be careful about not taking passages out of context. It may be wise to re-read the first 10 verse of the chapter during this stage. Now is a good time to also consult outside sources on context or information about what is happening. Write down what you learn/discover.
3. *Application:* Read it one more time. What does this passage mean to you? How does this apply to your own life? Based on research you did, what promises, commands, warnings or encouragements did God give you? How will you act on these things and learn from them in the future? Write down your application.
 - a. Note: any of the take-aways you learn should always be in line with who God is and what the Bible actually says. If you are unsure, talk to a trusted adult who can help you discover if it really is something from God.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:17-18 "The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs."

Prayer: What specific ways have you been challenged or encouraged? Spend some time praying for help in applying the passage to your life.

Challenge: Re-read this passage each day this week and remind yourself of the application you took away. Work at applying it!