

Discussion Questions

Isaiah 41vs1-29

'History under control'

Opening: What things might we do to cope when we are afraid?

Vv. 1-8 + 21-29: The Lord's absolute control of the future

1. What do we learn about the Lord's control over history in vv. 1-4?
2. Why are the nations fearful in v. 5? What do they do in response to their fear?
3. When might we be tempted to respond in a similar way?
4. In vv. 21-29, how is the Lord different from idols?
5. Why is the Lord's absolute control of the future such good news for Israel? Why is it such good news for Christians today?

Vv. 9-20: The Lord's absolute commitment to his people

6. In what ways do we see the Lord's commitment to his people in vv. 9-20?
7. How might these verses comfort the people as they feared the coming exile? How can they comfort Christians today?

Summary: How can these verses help us turn to the Lord, and not idols, when we are afraid?