

BELPRES CHURCH

Sermon Title: Comforted and Comforter

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5

- ¹ Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
- ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
- ³ A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
- ⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Discussion Questions:

1. Jerusalem has been destroyed and the Israelites taken into exile in Babylon, what do you think Isaiah's emphatic "comfort" mean to Israel?
2. What words of comfort do the three voices bring (v. 3, 6, 9)?
3. What do verses 1-5 say that could bring comfort to the people of Israel?
4. What does it mean to prepare the way for the Lord?
5. When you are in a difficult time, how does God comfort you? How can you be a comforter to others?