

God Invites Comparison Isaiah 41

What is the point of Isaiah 41?

God invites all of humanity to compare Him with their gods, religions, philosophies.

God does not call for blind faith; He welcomes comparison.

So we should humbly and boldly invite everyone to compare the God of the Bible with whatever they believe in.

How does God compare to all other gods?

Only God reveals Himself in history (vv.2-4)

Only God frees people from fear (vv.5-20)

Only God is real and actually does anything (vv.21-24)

What does this mean for us?

Lovingly, humbly, boldly tell people about what God has done in Jesus Christ.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Have you ever thought that God wanted blind faith? What do you think about God calling for open competition between Himself and all other religions and philosophies?

Do you agree that when it comes to hard evidence, heart-fulfillment, accounting for what we know about reality, what is promised — that the God of Abraham and Father of Jesus is infinitely superior? Why or why not?

Is it accurate to say that everyone needs the Gospel and that whatever they are trying will never help them? Why or why not?

How does this affect your desire to tell others about Jesus?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

