The Roundabout Ways of God

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**Virtual Life Group Discussion:**

**Encouragement:** Leader, how can you creatively encourage your group members throughout the week? Individual texts, emails or calls can go a long way to lifting someone up! Share some way you have seen them grow, persevere or serve in the last month. Another idea is to partner group members and ask them to encourage and pray for one another through the next week.

**Scripture:** choose a poignant passage from either [Isaiah 40](https://biblehub.com/esv/isaiah/40.htm) or [Isaiah 43](https://biblehub.com/esv/isaiah/43.htm).

What do we learn about God?

What do we learn about waiting, trusting, believing and/or obeying Him in the hard seasons?

**Prayer:**

“[For Those of Us in Waiting-on-the-Lord Mode](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/for-those-of-us-in-waiting-on-the-lord-mode/)” or “[Waiting for the Lord and the Resulting Joy](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/waiting-lord-resulting-joy/)”

Use one or both of these prayers from Gospel Coalition contributor Scotty Smith to pray over your group (from [Psalm 40](https://biblehub.com/esv/psalms/40.htm)).

**Next Steps:**

June has arrived and though summer will look very different this year, how can your group creatively (and safely) be “together” through the next couple of months?

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