

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from May 25, 2014 Confidence That Produces Hope Isaiah 40:27–31**

#### **Observing the text**

Read Isaiah 40 and become familiar with the context leading up to vv. 27–31.

Notice the attributes of God that are expressed in Isaiah 40:1–26. Make a list (mental list) of God's greatness seen in these passages.

Consider why Israel has expressed what is recorded in v. 27, especially in light of what has been declared about God's attributes.

Has there been a time when you have doubted God and His promise? If so, consider whether your questioning of God resembles that of Israel in verse 27.

Read Isaiah 40:28–31, and consider Isaiah's rebuttals of the Israelites question.

#### **Applying the sermon**

Have you ever felt like Israel when things are not going the way you would like them to go? Consider what caused you to have an idiotic response like Israel in your difficulties.

How much do you know about God and His divine attributes? What are you doing to increase your knowledge of God?

Consider the ways in which your theological knowledge of God can flesh out in life.

Do you have hope in God, even when things are not going the way you like them to go? Consider why or why not?

What do you need to do in order to respond to the challenges of life with immovable confidence?