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Go around and let everyone answer...

What are two rivalries that are often compared to each other and why?

(If you need to get the ball rolling here are some examples: Coke vs. Pepsi, Star Wars vs. Star Trek, Auburn vs. Alabama, Michael's vs. Hobby Lobby, etc.)

DIG

Why do people often compare things or people to each other?

What are some common pitfalls to making these kind of comparisons?

Read Isaiah 40.25-26

In this passage, God challenges us to consider what could possibly compare to Him. The writer goes on to show that nothing even comes close to rivaling God. How have you experienced this truth in your own life?

Read Isaiah 40.27-28

Just because God is in a class above all others, He still wants us to know that doesn't mean we are less significant to Him.

Why are we sometimes tempted to think God has forgotten about our problems?

When this happens, what is trying to rival God in our hearts?

Read Isaiah 40.29-31

God is an unlimited source of strength and He offers to share that strength with those who hope in Him.

What does this promise tell you about God and your relationship with Him?

APPLY

In what way do you specifically need His strength right now?

Close in a time of prayer for God's unrivaled strength.

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Leaders

Big Idea

This discussion guide is based on a passage from Isaiah 40. Nothing compares to the Lord or even comes close. He has no rival and there is not an adversity that even comes close.

Special Considerations

You may likely be conducting your LIFE Group meetings via video in an online setting during this time. While it might feel less personal than an in-home meeting, this could actually be a great time for your group to renew its concern for each other by making special efforts to connect throughout the week. Consider sending out prayer requests, well-wishes, or updates via text or email during the week. Likewise, your group might consider adding a brief, mid-week video conference just to pray and check in.

Group Discussion Reminder

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.