

**“Before the Big Day Arrives...”**  
***Preparing for God’s Glory***

Isaiah 40:3-5

<sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**Before the glory comes...**

**1. ...there is a season of p\_\_\_\_\_**

- a. *The preparation is n\_\_\_\_\_*
- b. *The preparation is about building a h\_\_\_\_\_ for God*
- c. *The preparation is about re-\_\_\_\_\_ your life in light of the coming glory*

**2. ...you may find yourself in a d\_\_\_\_\_**

- a. *The desert is a place of e\_\_\_\_\_*
- b. *The desert is one of God’s f\_\_\_\_\_ places in which to build*

**3. ...r\_\_\_\_\_ will increase among God’s people**

Psalm 5:8; Proverbs 11:5; Isaiah 45:13; Proverbs 4:11-12; Proverbs 2:12-15; 2 Peter 2:15

- a. *This righteousness is not ‘S\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness’*
- b. *This righteousness is being willing to w\_\_\_\_\_ on your s\_\_\_\_\_*
- c. *This righteousness is g\_\_\_\_\_ to us by God*

**4. ...there will be a g\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_**

**5. ...all o\_\_\_\_\_ will be removed**

- a. *What needs to be done - “splitting of i\_\_\_\_\_ places”*
- b. *How it will be done - “f\_\_\_\_\_”*