

## **The God Who Carries You | Isaiah 46:1-4**

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**May 19, 2019**

1. What age would you consider to be old age? Have there been certain birthdays for you, friends, or family members that have felt particularly old?
2. Tom started his sermon by highlighting the gods that we often pursue today. What specific gods have you seen people in your work, home, or school communities worship and bow down to?
3. In what ways have you seen these gods create more burdens for people rather than relieve them?
4. Verses 3-4 of Isaiah 46 contrast how God carries and sustains His people, unlike the false gods of Bel and Nebo. When you think of someone carrying someone else, what images or scenes come to mind? Share with the group seasons or circumstances in your own life when God has carried you.
5. Tom highlighted how this message is not just for the old but for the young as well since it is the decisions in our younger years that affect us later in life.
  - To those who consider themselves old, what are you currently reaping that you sowed when you were young?
  - To those who consider themselves young, what do you expect might be the harvest in 10, 20, 25 years of what you are currently sowing in your life?
6. Tom concluded his sermon by reading 1 Timothy 4:12b-16. Read these verses as a group and listen for the four instructions Paul gives to Timothy. Recall them as a group.
7. Which of these four instructions, setting an example, devoting yourself to scripture, cultivating your talents, and working hard, do you feel you are being faithful to already? Which do you feel encouraged to pursue even more so?
8. In what ways does God's affirmation to care for and value the elderly encourage you today?