

**S.O.A.P. Bible Study**  
**“Prepare”**

**S=Scripture:** Isaiah 40:3-5

**O=Observation:** After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What does the voice say will happen? What are the hearers of the voice asked to do? How do we know for sure that it will happen? For whom is the highway prepared? Why a highway and not just a pathway? What might it mean to lift up valleys and for mountains and hills to be made low in the context of God’s people in the hostile city of Babylon? If a valley could stand for oppression or despair and a mountain could mean pride, what preparations should the people of God be making? Look up Mark 1:1-6 and then reflect on how Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.

**A=Application:** What valley of oppression or despair or mountain of pride must be filled up or brought low in your life? How might God be working to prepare you for his kingdom advance in your life?

**P=Prayer:** Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: