SCC Small Group Study – February 12, 2023 Dr. Scott Koenigsaecker It's Within Reach Isaiah 40:12-31

Getting Started:

Was there a time when you felt life was unjust? How did hope in God sustain you?		
Psalm 68:35 says that God gives power and strength to his people. how have you experienced this power when you were tired and exhausted?		
Searching the Scriptures: (Isaiah 40:12-31)		
A. Why is creation itself evidence that we should be able to place our trust in God?		
B. What is the intended effect of these rhetorical questions in verses 12-14 and 21-27?		
C. When you look to the news and the activity of various nations, how does it impact you? Why should we always hold before us that God is in control of every nation?		
D. In verse 17, Isaiah wrote that God says the nations are "nothing." What does this mean?		

E.	Psalm 115:8 says that we become like our idols. What does this look like in practice? See Isaiah 40:18-20
F.	Our tendency when we are weary is to figure everything out on our own, yet Isaiah said the key to overcoming our weariness is waiting on the Lord. What does it look like for you to wait on the Lord?
<u>Ar</u>	pplication of Scripture:
A.	The word "renew" (v. 31) is about a change, or an exchange of our strength for the Lord's. Talk about this in your own life
B.	How can we help one another in our anxiety? Why is it good to have people listen to and point you back to God?
C.	How much of your worry is directly related to your not being in control of everything around you?