**Connect Study – “The Lord is with you – The journey of Faith”**

**Isaiah 64:1-4**

[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isa+64%3A1-4&version=NLT#fen-NLT-18863a)]Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down!  
    How the mountains would quake in your presence!  
**2**[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isa+64%3A1-4&version=NLT#fen-NLT-18864b)]As fire causes wood to burn and water to boil,  
your coming would make the nations tremble.  
    Then your enemies would learn the reason for your fame!  
**3**When you came down long ago,  
    you did awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations.  
    And oh, how the mountains quaked!  
**4** For since the world began, no ear has heard  
and no eye has seen a God like you,  
    who works for those who wait for him!

* God will burst forth from Heaven and comes down to where we are.
* When God comes down, awesome things happen and will be beyond our greatest expectations.
* No eyes have seen, no ears have heard - new things will happen to those who wait upon Him.

Practical examples from the Bible:

* The Lord came down for Noah and as a result, Noah built an ark before he could see rain. The journey of faith begins when we act even before our natural eyes can see the result.
* The Lord came down for Gideon. He was hiding at the bottom of a wine press. The journey of faith begins when we overcome fear by trusting what the Lord says about us.
* The Lord came down for David. The nation was fearful because of Goliath. Goliath represents the obstacles that stands in our way. The journey of faith begins when we can raise our expectations and see the obstacles as a grasshopper rather than a giant.
* The Lord came down for Moses. Because of Moses’ response to the calling of God, there was a harvest of souls and the people were delivered. There was a harvest of resources and the people didn’t come out empty-handed.

Question 1:

If you are like Gideon, feeling weak, small, and a nobody, what must you do to change that perspective?

Question. 2:

What must we do for God to come down, so that we can get a harvest of souls in our connect group?

Question 3:

What must we do to have a harvest of resources? How do you overcome the Goliath in our lives?

Question 4:

Is there a time when God answered your prayer beyond your expectation?

NEXT WEEK:

Ps David's sermon discussion on "The Three Harvest and The Fish"