



Discussion Guide for “Pompeii” by Bastille

Top 10 Songs – Week 5

The song "Pompeii" by Bastille is about what it feels like to live through the End of the World. When our world is rocked by tragedy, we tend to look backward, to idealize the "Glory Days" of the past and pine for what we've lost. But God's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us that God is never finished with us, that God is doing a new thing in our midst. The prophet calls us to be mindful of what God is doing NOW. The Glory Days are ahead of us because God is with us.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 43:18-21](#)

[Judges 6:11-14](#)

[Isaiah 51:1-3](#)

[Ezekiel 36:25-36](#)

[Matthew 9:14-17](#)

[Revelation 21:22-22:5](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Bastille uses the story of Pompeii as a metaphor for feeling like the world is ending. Have you ever experienced a Vesuvius event in your life?
2. Why do we tend to idealize the “glory days”? Do you tend to look back or look ahead?
3. How were the Jewish people feeling when Isaiah spoke to them in 43:18-21? Why did God chastise them for looking backward?
4. How can meditation help you to focus on what God is doing now?
5. What does it look like for you to look ahead this week?