



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Isaiah 41:1-10

Sermon: He Is With You To Help You

Sermon Series: Fear Not: Gospel Truths for Anxious Times

**Introduction:** The Book of Isaiah was written about 150 years before the Lord sent His people into exile under Babylon. The purpose of Isaiah was to provide Israel with a warning of their impending judgment but also comfort them during their time of trouble. In this passage God speaks of a global crisis that overwhelmed even the Babylonians. We too live at a time that is globally (and perhaps personally) overwhelming. Here, God reveals that we have nothing to fear if we place our trust in Him, the author of history.



### Into the Word

*This is an invitation to the nations to enjoy the blessings of the God of Israel.*

What can the invitation to God's enemies in verse 1 teach us about God's plans?

Consider: Isaiah 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-7

How might verses 2-4 affect the way we interpret historical events?

Note: There is a paradox between man's responsibility and God's absolute sovereignty.

How do verses 8-10 describe God's relationship with His people? Does this matter?

Consider: Deuteronomy 7:7-9; Ephesians 1:1-10



### Into the Heart

*Only God can protect us against the uncertainty of our circumstances.*

Functionally, where do we often look for security in the midst of uncertainty?

Note: Verse 5-7 speaks to the silliness of idolatry.

How might the truth of our election comfort us in the midst of our struggles?

Note: Verse 9 is best translated, "...I have determined to never cast you off."



### Into the World

*Though the world seems out of control God is with us.*

What aspects of life do you think people are finding the most overwhelming?

How can we share God's gracious invitation to our neighbors in the midst of this overwhelming time?