

## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

Passage: Isaiah 43:1-7 Sermon: You Are His And He Is Yours 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 to comfort them during their time of trouble. Here as Israel suffers and asks "Where is God? And why is this happening?" God answers, "I am with you and I love you." This passage reveals that God is indeed with us in the midst of every kind of trial.



## Into the Word

God says to His people "I am yours and you are mine."

Based on verses 1-4, how would you describe God's relationship with us? Which relationship do you find the most striking? Consider: Psalm 139:13-14; Ephesians 1:18

Why do you think God draws attention to Israel's value in verses 3-4? Note: Redemption is best understood as payment that brings freedom.

How are God's promises in verses 5-7 fulfilled in Christ? Consider: John 10:16; Revelation 7:9



## Into the Heart

"There is nothing more for heaven to give."

Where are we tempted to look for our sense of identity or value? What are the consequences of this in our lives?

How does the Gospel shape our sense of identity and value? Consider: Romans 8:32



## Into the World

By God's grace we can narrow the gap between our fears and our faith.

How might this passage help us make sense of our seasons of suffering? Consider: Hebrews 12:10; 1 Peter 1:6-7

How might verses 5-7 shape the way we understand evangelism? Consider: Acts 28:28; Romans 10:14-15