

## Freedom from Fear | Isaiah 8

### Sermon Discussion Questions

11/4/18

1. This week the message dealt with fear. Take a moment and share as a group to what degree you feel fear is a part of your life. How often are your choices, decisions or outlook affected by fear? What are some of those fears?
2. Pastor Jim took us to Isaiah 8 and reminded us of the situation God's people and King Ahaz were facing. What were they and how did the king respond? What did God think of Ahaz's choice?
3. What might have looked like a wise choice on the king's part, to God actually looked like a lack of faith and trust. Instead of waiting on the Lord, King Ahaz made things happen himself. How do we see this type of thing happen in our lives and the lives of those around us? Share some examples of turning to our own deliverance instead of waiting on the Lord's.
4. Pastor Jim then provided us with some paths to take towards freedom from fear. Starting from Isaiah 8:11, he lists what God is calling us to do. Go back to the scripture and read the verses again. What is God calling us to do? What three things does he call us to?
5. Out of the three paths bellow, which is the easiest for you to do? Which is the hardest? Why? Take some time to answer and share your thoughts on the points Pastor Jim made about each of these.
  - fear God alone
  - participate in the community of true believers
  - allow God to speak
6. Living without fear is no easy task. Everything and everyone around us seems to be focused on what we should be afraid of, why we should be afraid of it/them and how to prepare for it. But God does not want us to live in fear, he wants to have faith and confidence in his love, power and deliverance. He wants to be our rock and comfort.

As you close today, think back to some of what the group has shared, to what you have shared and speak words of affirmation and truth to one another. Go back to some of the scripture from the message: Psalm 112, Isaiah 40, Hebrews 2:13-14 or any of your other favorites and pray for each other.