



## Discussion Guide for “Security” *System Failure Week 5*

We live in a culture ruled by fear. Everyone – especially those in charge – want us to be afraid because our fear gives them control. When is fear healthy? When does it become an idol? God’s promises to Israel offer us hope in a fearful world. We can trust the God who promises to be with us and not let fear order our steps.

### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 43:1-21](#)

[Isaiah 58:1-12](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)

[Philippians 3:4-14](#)

### Questions for Discussion

1. How has your world changed since 9/11? Where do you see fear-mongering in our culture?
2. How often do you consider yourself to be afraid? When is fear good? When is it bad?
3. How do God’s words offer hope to an Israel ruled by fear? What do they communicate to us?
4. When Israel followed their fear, they abandoned God. How is fear dangerous for us in this current election cycle?
5. What does it look like for you to live in hope rather than fear this week?