

## **GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

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**For the week of December 9, 2007**

**Getting started:** What are some things the Christian community is likely to fear? Are any of these people or circumstances things you fear?

### **Open your Bible to**

- Apart from the rotten way it feels, what's so bad about fearing bad things and people (v.12)? What real harm does it do?
- How do you think about "the fear of the Lord"? We know it doesn't really mean we should be terrified of God because Heb. 4:16 tells us "to approach the throne of grace with confidence."
- Oswald Chambers wrote, "The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else." Sounds good, but is it so?
- There was real trouble coming to "both houses of Israel" which would not be avoided. So what is the real help in this text?
- Read Ps. 118:19-24; Is 28:16; Matt 2:43-44; Luke 2:34; Rom 9:32,33; 1 Pet. 2:4-9. What else do you learn about the Stone?
- In light of this passage, how would you pray your way from fear of some enemy to trust in Immanuel?



### **Please pray for...**

- Jeff & Karen Granger, Air Force Chaplain in Rapid City, SD, For opportunities to share Christ
- Our Trinity students who have finals this week.  
Safety for the many who are then traveling home

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**When fear becomes a factor for us...**

We must remember that it is not \_\_\_\_\_ we fear but \_\_\_\_\_ we fear that matters most (8:11-13).

We must remember that only \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ us of our fears (8:14a).

We must remember that those who \_\_\_\_\_ fear the Lord will have a reason to be \_\_\_\_\_ (8:14b-15.)

**Conclusion:**

Isaiah made two choices...

He chose to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord.

He chose to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.