

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Scripture: Esther 2:1-4



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God does not use his people for his own gratification. Instead, Christ loves, cherishes, and protects them for their good and his glory.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Why is remembering an essential part of the Christian life?
2. Briefly summarize the events that took place in chapter 1 that, we are told, King Ahasuerus remembers. Where does his remembrance lead him (verse 1)?
3. Have you ever felt regret or remorse after your anger has dissipated? How does the gospel practically influence how you respond in those moments?
4. How is God's anger unlike sinful, human anger?
5. How did the king's young male servant try to cheer up the king (verses 2-4)? What are some self-seeking ways you attempt to satisfy your anger or disappointment rather than turning to Christ? Does it cause you to mistreat or objectify others to get what you want?
6. Do you surround yourself with people and voices that point you toward Christ or in areas that promote anger or sinful pleasure?
7. Discuss how the gospel propels us in a different direction from our culture's power plays for sinful indulgence.
8. How has Jesus treated you, and how does it change how you treat others made in his image and likeness?
9. Is your home a spiritual safe haven for you and your family? How can we extend this responsibility into our communities?
10. Who are the broken and forsaken in our community that need to see the beauty of Christ?