

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Scripture: Esther 3:1-6



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Even while the proud seem to succeed and the righteous seem crushed, we can trust God's sovereign plan.

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

1. What is the history between the Jewish people and Haman's ancestry, the Agagites (Exodus 17; 1 Samuel 15)?
2. Who would we have expected to receive a promotion at the beginning of this chapter (2:19-23)? Have you been overlooked or slighted?
3. What hope do we have in these circumstances (Psalm 73)? Why did Jesus intentionally endure betrayal and rejection (1 Peter 2:23; Hebrews 12:2)?
4. Why do you think Mordecai refused to bow to Haman?
5. How did word get to Haman about Mordecai's behavior? How can we combat the pride of trying to gain favor, power, or position (John 3:30)?
6. What similarities do you see between King Ahasuerus and Haman? Why?
7. Discuss how sinful anger makes us irrational.
8. How is anger linked to murder (Matthew 5:21-22; James 1:19-20)? How does the gospel free us from murderous anger and promote humility, peace, and love for others?