

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Scripture: Esther 3:7-15



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Even in the darkest plans, God is working His glory by preserving His people and destroying His enemies.

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

1. Briefly summarize the story up to this point.
2. Why did he cast lots to help him decide the timing of his plan (verse 7)? In what ways – either wise or unwise – does our culture encourage us to make plans for our lives?
3. How did Haman influence the king to fulfill his murderous plans (verses 8-9)? What does the king's response say about him (verses 10-11)?
4. Have you ever used rumors or gossip that has hurt others? Have you been the subject of the destructive consequences of rumors or gossip?
5. What is your source of truth and discerning good from evil (verse 11)?
6. What were the terms and scope of Haman's announcement (verses 11-13)? How do you think the Jewish people felt after hearing the announcement on the eve of Passover?
7. When have you felt alone or witnessed the darkness of sin that led you to question God's presence or goodness?
8. *God over decisions* - How can we find solace when everything appears to happen by chance (Proverbs 16:33)?
9. *God over time* - Where do we find comfort when we feel we are living in the wrong time/time of darkness (Galatians 4:4-5)?
10. *God over our enemies* - What is our calm when surrounded by enemies (verse 15; Psalm 23:5a)?
11. *God of good news* - When feeling neglected or forgotten, what good news steadies us (Romans 5:7-10)?
12. Who has God laid on your heart to invite to Passion Week services this year?