

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Scripture: Esther 5:1-8



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God sovereignly works to preserve his beloved people through the decisions, choices, and drama between sinful people, which testify to his trustworthiness and love.

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

1. How did Esther prepare for her meeting with the king (4:16-5:1)? Are prayer and fasting routine responses when you face big decisions or challenging circumstances? Why or why not?
2. How did God act on his people's behalf through Queen Esther's interaction with the king?
3. What do you make of the uncanny, indescribable attraction that Esther seemed to possess (2:9, 15, 17; 5:2)?
4. Give an example of how God has sovereignly worked for your good and his glory through the decisions, choices, and drama of your life.
5. Is God calling you to act in faith even though circumstances you hoped would change didn't?
6. What did the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday have in common with King Ahasuerus? How are we like them?
7. How does the Jewish people's situation, Esther's unique position, and dependence on God foreshadow the anticipated King of Kings?
8. How can undeserving sinners stand before a holy God without fear, knowing that he accepts us? How does your eternal pardon and new identity impact how you live daily?
9. Who has God laid on your heart to invite to Passion Week services this year?