

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Scripture: Esther 4:4-17



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

There is one who knows all things and allows us to act in dependence upon who He is.

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

1. Why is Mordecai mourning? Why did Esther send him clothing, and what does this reveal about her (verse 4)?
2. Are you accustomed to hiding your brokenness from others either to save face or to avoid the compassion and help of others?
3. Give an example of when you sought quick, superficial solutions to a problem rather than dealing with the heart of the matter.
4. Why did Mordecai refuse Esther's comfort (verse 4)? What did he want instead (verses 5-9)?
5. What two reasons did Esther give for refusing Mordecai's command (verse 11)?
6. How did Mordecai attempt to convince Esther?
7. Where do you see an inference of God's sovereignty in this passage? How does the reality of God's sovereignty impact your daily life (i.e., decision-making, behaviors, etc.)?
8. Why did she request fasting after accepting Mordecai's command (verse 16)? Are prayer and fasting routine responses when you face big decisions or challenging circumstances? Why or why not?
9. How does the Jewish people's situation, Esther's unique position, and her dependence on God foreshadow the gospel of Jesus Christ?
10. Who has God laid on your heart to invite to Passion Week services this year?