

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Scripture: Esther 7:1-10



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The Lord preserves His people by laying down his life for them, and he destroys His enemies.

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

1. How does Esther begin her request and why (verse 3a, Exodus 33:12-13)? What can we learn from Esther's negotiation tactics?
2. Why did Esther indicate that she had remained silent if her people were sold into slavery (verse 4)?
3. What was the value proposition in her request (verse 4)?
4. How does the Jewish people's situation and Esther's unique position, along with her godly wisdom, foreshadow Jesus' mediatorial work?
5. What is the basis of our favor with God? What fate do we share with our Mediator, and how does that truth impact your daily life?
6. How did God act on his people's behalf through Queen Esther's interaction with the king?
7. Discuss ways we more resemble Haman than the "heroes" of this story.
8. What satisfied the king's wrath?
9. Although Jesus has defeated our enemies, why do we continue to struggle daily? How can we live faithfully in preparation for his return?

## GOSPEL OBSERVATIONS

- The Gospel is the ultimate fulfillment of God's faithfulness to His promises to preserve His people and crush His enemies.
- The Gospel reveals the Great Mediator, Jesus, who stands on our behalf between our sinfulness and God's holiness.
- The Gospel reveals the Great Mediator, Jesus, who stands on our behalf against the great accuser, liar, and defamer, Satan.