

THE BIG IDEA

- We not only have a GREATER KING, we have a GREATER KINGDOM to look forward to!

GET STARTED

- Describe a situation in your life when someone was OUT OF LINE but continually made excuses. (Can be funny or serious)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How deep do you want to take your Group? Choose from these questions to lead your discussion. HAVE DIFFERENT PEOPLE READ- Get them involved!

1. Take turns reading Esther 1:9-12. What is Xerxes request and why do you think Vashti rejected it?
2. Vashti lost her crown because of her refusal, but kept her dignity. Have you ever experienced a person making a right decision at the risk of losing something? Share
3. Have 2 people read (Acts 4:19–20; 5:29) Then ask... How did the apostles set the example of making such a decision like Vashti's?
4. Xerxes' anger and alcohol abuse led to foolish actions. What usually triggers you to make bad decisions? Don't be fake- be real.
5. Ben made a pretty strong statement that in the world system addictions are fed, men are castrated and women are mistreated. Have you found this to be true? Explain.
6. Leaders read Esther 1:13-20- a reoccurring theme in scripture is the impact that those around you speaking into your life can make. Who speaks into your life most?
7. Where do those same people you just mentioned get their knowledge? Is it Godly wisdom?
8. Instead of admitting his mistake he tried to JUSTIFY it. HARD QUESTION: What is a place in your life where you could be doing the same? LEADERS share first!
9. Ben ended the message by saying, "We don't rewrite scripture, we repent & obey" Share a time in your life when you tried to rewrite scripture instead of repent & obey.
10. Communion is THIS SUNDAY- how does something like Communion keep us from making BAD decisions like Xerxes? Explain
11. We are beginning 21 Days of prayer seeking God for wisdom. Share with your group 3 things to focus on: Unity, clear vision, and greater kingdom impact.

FOR FURTHER READING

- Start talking about your OUTREACH plan for this semester: tell them start looking for opportunities and give them GOOD examples.
- Memory verse: Luke 16:13 - "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."
- Take turns saying verse and AWARD THEM- make it fun. Leaders go first!

