

## THE BIG IDEA

- Our lives are marked by 3 things: sins, mistakes and tragedies. But they don't have to rule our lives!

## GET STARTED

- Describe a time in your life when you just took the EASY WAY. (serious or funny)

## 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 2:19-23. We again see God's hand of providence at work raising Mordecai to the position he was assigned. What did he overhear, and what was done about it?
2. Take turns reading Esther 3:1-9. Answer the question BEN asked Sunday. How are you angry and vengeful like Haman. DON'T be fake be honest.
3. Mordecai refused to bow (humbly bend the knee to) let alone pay homage (to prostrate oneself before a superior) to this man. What are some examples of others who had made a similar decision while in that land (Daniel 1:8, 3:15-18, 6:6-10)? To whom alone should we bow (Philippians 2:9-11)?
4. Xerxes also allows this to happen because his desire for more wealth, How are you lazy and greedy like Xerxes? (If married ask your spouse)
5. Leaders Read vs. 10-15. The Jewish peoples story is marked by sins, mistakes and tragedies. Which of these has a tendency of ruling your life?
6. The signet ring of Xerxes was like his platinum credit card, allowing Haman to order whatever he wanted to be done. How does this make Haman a picture of our ultimate enemy, and how should we live in view of that enemy (1 Peter 5:8, 9)?
7. Your GROUP OUTREACH should be finalized- go over final plans. After group let Kevin know what your plan is.

## FOR FURTHER READING

- It has been pointed out that not only had Haman sold himself out to destroy the Jews, but he actually embodied the very things God hates! What are the seven things especially hateful to God according to Proverbs 6:16-19?
- Memory verse: Esther 4:14 - For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
- Read it and promise a reward for those saying it NEXT WEEK!



























