

THE BIG IDEA

- Our IDENTITY must be in Christ not our activity or idolatry.

GET STARTED

- What was your identity in school growing up? Where did that identity come from?

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 5:1-8. Esther found favor with Xerxes (was lifted up in his sight with grace) because of this bold step. What did he ask Esther (v. 3)? What was her unexpected request in view of the seriousness of what she had done (v. 4)?
2. What an example of boldness and stepping out by faith Esther is for us. Without faith it is impossible to please God, but what would a step of faith look like in our American culture today?
3. We mentioned Esther's identity in God is growing. As believers our faith is received not achieved. What does that mean?
4. What is your identity in?(not what you say but what you do!)
5. Take turns reading Esther 5:9-14. We mentioned that Haman's identity was in his activity an idolatry. What does it mean to have your identity in your idolatry?
6. Ben said "if our identity is in our idolatry it leads to misery." What is your idolatry? BE HONEST Ben gave the test of emotions:What makes you angry/overjoyed?
7. The statement was also made, "if you idolize one thing you demonize something else." Have you witnessed this? Explain
8. Halloweentown is an event that requires that we RISK our time, treasures, comfort in order to reach people for Christ? How can you be involved?

FOR FURTHER READING

- If only Haman knew that this would be the last time he would gather with his friends, and that all these things he took pride in would shortly crumble away from him. How is this much like a story Jesus told in Luke 12:13-21?
- Memory verse: 2 Corinthians 2:17 - "For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ."
- CHALLENGE PEOPLE TO SAY NEXT WEEK

