

THE BIG IDEA

- Never question God has a PLAN, assume it!

GET STARTED

- Share a story of forgetting someone for a LONG period of time and eventually remembering and trying to make it right.

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 6:1-11. Count and mention the number of "coincidences" in these verses. Do you see God working providentially?
2. We may feel that God has forgotten us, has ignored the things we have done for Him. What needs to be remembered in times of doubt like this? Any examples of this?
3. Haman pictured himself as the one who would be honored, and concocted quite the prideful plan for honoring, well, himself! What was the first thing he suggested Xerxes do for such a person (v. 8a)??
4. Just as Haman shows us pride, Mordecai shows us humility. How did Mordecai reflect the kind of attitude described in Romans 12:14-21 (read it) in dealing with those in opposition to him?
5. These events also remind us that during the times God seems to be absent, He has really been present and at work all the while! Where do you feel God has been absent in your life?
6. Take turns reading Esther 6:12-14. We saw that prideful people have compassion for themselves, humble people for others. What is the difference between grieving opposed to confessing and repenting?
7. Ben said "the path from pride to humility is only through Jesus." What does that mean? How can you live that out?
8. Halloweentown is this Friday night. How can humility be shown in this event?

FOR FURTHER READING

- As you think back over this story and the passages you examined this week, what are some things God spoke to you about faithfully waiting on His perfect timing and plans, and not giving in to discouragement?
- 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 IT! Leaders go first.

