

THE BIG IDEA

- Have you REALLY identified with God's people?

GET STARTED

- Share a story from your youth of standing up for someone or something when no one else would.

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 7:1-6. To this point neither Xerxes nor Haman had a clue that Esther was Jewish, but now was the time to stand up and proclaim that truth. We should never be ashamed to stand for Christ. Read the strong words Jesus had about this (Luke 9:26)? What evidence is there that you are not ashamed of Jesus?
2. Ben mentioned that God has put us in positions of influence to use it for him. What are your areas of influence?
3. We also saw the emphasis on caring for God's people first. (Gal 6:10) Why do you think this is important?
4. Take turns reading Esther 7:7-10. We saw the wrath of king Xerxes on display. We also discussed that our God has a wrath as well. Why is God's wrath different?
5. We saw Haman having his face covered from seeing the king. This seems like a weird detail until you realize how important the king's approval was to him. We said it's a great desire just the wrong king. Who has the potential to be the king in your life?
6. Sin required punishment for King Xerxes, for Haman it was a very high payment. Hebrews 9:22 talks about God's required payment. What is it?
7. We see the end of Haman, how would this story end if it was written by Hollywood today? We serve a God of love and wrath. Which attribute of God is most prominent in your view of God?
8. Think through your current station in life. How can you be a better example of Christ both in your words and actions to those around you? How can you make a difference in the areas of influence you have for godliness, and to reflect Christ in all you do?
9. NEXT week is your group party discuss the details of that and your group outreach.

FOR FURTHER READING

- Today, we reach the climax of the story as we read of the ultimate downfall of Haman. Chapters 8-10 will record the resolution of the remaining details of the story, as well as giving us a glimpse of the Jewish holiday of Purim and its significance.
- 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 AGAIN! Leaders go first.

