



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

November 3, 2024

Esther 8:1-17

Connect: Share a meal. Play a game. Ask an icebreaker question. Follow up on the past week's events or prayer requests.

Grow

1. We were challenged last week to reflect on a time of suffering whether currently or in the past in regards to how you have seen God show up or currently showing up in your life. What did God reveal to you about who He is and about his character? How might you respond differently moving forward when suffering comes and what does it look like for you, to trust Him?
2. How was your time with the Lord this week? How did the Word of God speak to you? How did you listen to God in prayer?

Share

3. Read Esther 8:1-17. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon.
4. How did you see the hidden hand of God in your life this past week?
5. Esther intercedes on behalf of the Jewish people before the King regarding the irrevocable edict dictating their demise. Have you ever had anyone intercede for you for employment, as a character witness, or before an authority figure? What was the situation and how did that help you? Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7. How was Paul like Jesus toward the Jews? How are we to be an intermediary for others in like manner with Jesus and the apostle Paul?
6. King Xerxes' irrevocable edicts were penned on behalf of the king and sealed with his signet ring. How is the power of the new covenant in Christ, much like the power of King Xerxes' edicts? How is it different? What confidence or risks does the eternal security you have as a result of the new covenant in Christ give you or cause you to take?

Practice: Pray for the Election

Read Daniel 2:20-23 and Romans 13:1. What do these verses show us about who is ultimately in control of raising up and removing kings? How does this increase your reverence and rest in God's providence, even over government?

In light of the election this week, spend extended time in prayer for our government officials. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Let this guide you to pray not for a specific outcome (considering there are differing political views in your groups) but to pray for the elected officials in our city, state level, and national level. For peace and unity as a nation as we move forward and for us to be salt and light in a dark and broken world.