



Part 8: Victims to Victors

Esther 8-10

1. Now that our series in Esther is complete, what take-aways will you remember and be strengthened by?

2. Read John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 4:4, and Matthew 9:36. Why is it helpful to remember that Satan victimizes people every single day?

a. How does Jesus reverse this? Read Esther 8:1-2 along with Romans 8:37.

3. Read Esther 8:3-6. What can we learn from Esther's example about our role in evangelism?

a. When is the last time you engaged a nonbeliever in a spiritual conversation?

b. How can you grow in engaging more in these conversations?

4. Read Esther 8:7-17. Why does God's "decree" / "edict" / announcement and proclamation of the gospel (good NEWS) lead us to *celebrate daily* like we see the Jews *celebrating* in these verses?

a. What false hopes have allured you lately (i.e. hoping in fleeting things that don't center on our eternal Savior)?

b. How will freshly focusing on the good NEWS of Jesus reel your heart away from false hopes?

c. Why is 1 Corinthians 2:9 so encouraging for the people of Jesus?

5. Read Esther 9:1-22. What is so amazing about the reversal God brings about here?

a. How could this passage encourage you in your darkest hour?

b. Write a prayer of surrender and trust regarding your *greatest struggle* in life right now.

6. Read Esther 9:23-10:3. What is Purim and how does it uniquely highlight God working out *His Master Plan*?

a. How is the death and resurrection of Jesus the *greatest* reversal of all?

b. Though the Devil is still spreading evil – how is it also true that he’s defeated, and the people of Jesus are ALL victorious over him? Consider Romans 8:1.

c. How will you apply the victory of Jesus over the Devil (*the accuser*) to your life? What does it look like to LIVE in this victory – even when you fail...?
