

Small Group Guide: "For Such a Time as This"

Purim 2026 – – February 28, 2026

Parsha Tetzaveh

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it significant that God's name is never mentioned in the Book of Esther? How does this relate to seasons in our own lives when God seems silent or hidden?
2. The sermon mentions that Mordecai refused to bow to Haman, possibly due to the historical relationship between their ancestors (Jacob and Esau). How do generational and spiritual conflicts manifest today?
3. Read Jeremiah 31:31-36 and Ezekiel 36:24-28. What are the key elements of the New Covenant? Who is it made with? How does this shape your understanding of your faith?
4. The pastor stated: "Israel was in exile for more than 1800 years... What does Replacement theology assume?" How does understanding that God has NOT replaced Israel change the way we read Scripture and view current events?
5. Discuss Romans 11:11: *"By their false step salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy."* What does it mean practically for Gentile believers to "provoke Israel to jealousy"? How might observing biblical feasts and festivals play a role in this?
6. The sermon mentions the shocking turn of some evangelical Christians away from supporting Jewish people since October 7, 2023. Without getting political, how should believers respond?

7. Mordecai asked Esther: "Who knows whether you have attained royal status for such a time as this?" In what area of your life might God be positioning you "for such a time as this"?

8. The pastor suggests that Gentile believers with a firm foundation in Hebrew Bible, Gospels, Apostolic writings, and Jewish practice can witness to Jewish people. How does this challenge or expand your understanding of your calling as a believer?

9. Read Zechariah 8:23. Do you see yourself as part of the fulfillment of this prophecy? What would it look like practically to be someone who causes others to say, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you"?

Additional Resources

- Book of Esther (entire book)
- Romans 9-11 (Paul's teaching on Israel)
- Jeremiah 31:31-37 (The New Covenant)
- Ezekiel 36:22-28 (Restoration of Israel)
- Recommended interviews mentioned in sermon