



# Discussion Questions 10/8/23

## God Comes Through

**Intro:** Sometimes God has some really hard assignments for us. Have you ever asked, “God, are you sure?” Like there’s no way he could really be assigning something like that. There’s no way he could want me to do something that dangerous. And yet, God intentionally assigns hard assignments. He does this because he wants to draw deeper levels of faith out of us while he partners with us to accomplish his good will.

**Story:** Tell about a time where God lead you into something that seemed too big for you to handle. How did God come through?

**Read:** Esther 5:1-14

1. When Esther learned of Haman’s plot she did three things. She fasted, she prayed, and she planned. Why should Christians do all three of these things?
2. Esther knew she needed to go to the king, but she also knew that could result in her death or banishment. Knowing the stakes, her life and the lives of all Jews are on the line, she fasts, prays, plans, and then acts. God gave her an incredibly difficult assignment. What difficult assignment does God have in front of you right now?
3. Here comes a lot of passages, it’ll be okay, I promise. Read Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 22:1-2, Daniel 3:13-15, Ezekiel 24:15-18, and Matthew 26:39. Turns out, Esther is not the only one to get a difficult assignment. Why do you think God puts these trials in front of us?
4. Read Proverbs 21:1. God was able to change the king’s heart before Esther walked into the room. Do you really believe that God comes through? If you do, then what sort of things might you be willing to change to be more obedient to God?
5. We’ve looked a lot at Esther, but Haman is an important character in this story too. Often we like to compare ourselves to the good guys in the story, but sometimes we’re more like the bad guy than we think. All of Haman’s evil can be summed up into pride. Why do you think pride is so dangerous and what can you do to become more humble?

**Pray for:**

- Your political leaders.
- Humility.
- Wisdom to navigate this fallen world.