



ESTHER

Discussion Questions 9/3/23

Where is God?

Intro: The book of Esther is one of the most interesting books in the Bible for one simple reason. It never mentions God. It has left many people asking the question, “Where is God?” Is he actually there? Is it possible God left? Ultimately, Esther teaches us that even though God’s name is never mentioned he is still, very much, in control. He is still very much protecting his people.

Story: Often we practice sharing the brighter parts of our stories, but fundamental to being human is enduring difficulties. Share a moment in your life where you couldn’t feel the presence of God and what it was like.

Read: Esther 1:1-8

1. What is the significance of God’s name not being mentioned in the book of Esther?
2. In verse 3, King Ahasuerus throws a grand banquet that lasts for 180 days. What does this extravagant display of wealth and power reveal about his character and priorities?
3. Esther 1:8 mentions that each man could drink according to his own pleasure. What might this excessive drinking at the king’s banquet symbolize, and how can it be related to contemporary issues?
4. Esther reminds us that the enemies of God cannot thwart his plans. If God’s enemies can’t, then you can’t. What does that do for the way you act within the story of God, knowing that you cannot ruin his plan?
5. Read Psalm 2. What is the point of this passage? Consider what it means for God to be king. What does it look like today for you to choose the Kingdom of God rather than any other kingdom?

Pray for:

- Confidence in the times God seems absent.
- The leaders of our world and the people interacting with them.
- God to remind you your allegiance is to his kingdom.