Discussion Questions 10/29/23

God Will Sort It Out

Intro: Does justice mark the end of a story? Last week we saw Haman meet justice and it sure made the story feel like it had been resolved. The problem is that there is still that law Xerxes signed to see the Jews wiped out. What is God going to do? God leads Esther to realize that her salvation is not enough. Her salvation should lead to her seeking the salvation of all of her people.

Story: Remember when you first entered into a relationship with God? Did you have a bigger desire then to share God with people than you do now? Share what it was like after being saved and what might it look like for you to be motivated to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Read: Esther 8:1-9:22

1. Esther fell at the feet of the king and wept. God often will wait for his people to show humility to rescue them. What rescue are you waiting for? What would it look like for you to humble yourself like Esther?

2. Read John 1:43-46. Jesus found Philip and Philip found Nathanael. Found people find people. Or as Ricky said, saved people save people. Think about your oikos. When Jesus found you, who did he want you to find?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. Paul calls us an aroma to those being saved and perishing. What does that mean?

4. We celebrate Esther because her life ended up being a testimony of a story where God sorted it out and saved his people. When people see your life do they see it as a testimony of a story where God sorted it out and saved his people? If not, what change could help people to see that?

5. Ultimately, it was a counter decree that saved the people of God. The gospel is a counter decree. We deserved death and God's verdict is life. The gospel should also be a counter decree to poverty, oppression, homelessness, broken families, and beyond. What can you do to see the gospel working as just that sort of counter decree?

Pray for:
- Your political leaders.
- Restoration in your community.
- God to show you your oikos, and pray for your oikos.