



# ESTHER

## Discussion Questions 9/24/23

### Rolling The Dice

**Intro:** Haman is a terribly evil person in the book of Esther. He has created a plan to kill all of the Jews. Somehow he's gotten the king to sign a plan into law to kill all the Jews because the king has not realized that his own wife is a Jew. Where is God? Why would he let his people get wiped out? We will see that God is always moving for the good of his people.

**Story:** Tell about a time in your life when you left a decision to chance and looking back you can see the providence of God. How did he move in your life?

**Read:** Esther 2:19-3:15

1. Even though Mordecai knew Xerxes was an evil king, he still spoke up to save his life. Knowing that there are likely people in authority over you who you don't like, how can you actively seek their well-being?
2. Read 1 Samuel 15:12-22. Saul's disobedience resulted in monumental problems for Israel. Have you ever considered that your sin impacts more than just you? How might your sin impact others around you?
3. Read James 4:4-12. Haman was a man who was filled with ego; he was filled with pride. What are practical ways you can address pride that currently exists in your own life?
4. Sometimes when we think of people like Haman casting the dice for evil purposes we want God to move to cause the dice to fall for good. We want him to wave his hand over the dice like a Jedi using the force. But he often doesn't. When life seems to be going awry, how can you keep your trust and your hope in God?
5. Haman was the oppressor, the Jews were the oppressed. We like seeing life in black and white. Often times our lives don't exist in that black and white. Sometimes we will find ourselves on the side of the oppressors and sometimes we will find ourselves on the side of the oppressed. When you realize you're on the side of the oppressor how can you use your power to love the vulnerable? When you realize you're on the side of the oppressed how can you use your weakness to show the meekness of Jesus to the oppressor?

**Pray for:**

- Your political leaders.
- Endurance in trying seasons of life.
- God to reveal where we have made decisions to be on the wrong side of his story.