

Discussion Questions 10/15/23

Divine Irony

Intro: As things have seemed to continue getting worse and worse in Esther's story, today things actually seem to be going Esther's way. Haman is exposed to be the wicked man that he is and he is served justice in maybe the most ironic way possible.

Story: The story of Esther does a beautiful job of showing us both God's love and God's justice. Describe where you have seen God's love in your life and where you have seen God's justice in life.

Read: Esther 7:1-10

- 1. We've talked about how Esther planned. It is important to consider that Esther was able to plan because she had faith. How does faith help drive us to plan?
- 2. Esther had not yet shared with the king that she was Jewish. Often the longer we put something like that off, the more difficult it becomes. If we know that to be the case, why do we so often neglect telling people why we're Christians?
- 3. Haman gives the king an important reminder. People let us down. Often we go to people we trust instead of to Jesus. Why do we do this and what's the danger?
- 4. Read Numbers 32:23. Haman's sin found him out. Discuss how the same can occur to us if we are not careful.
- 5. Ultimately, the biggest divine reversal in history was when Jesus died for our sins on the cross. Consider, what are all the things the work of Jesus on the cross accomplished?

Pray for:

- Your political leaders.
- Humility.
- Trustworthy friends.