



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Page 1)

(Group leaders pick 4-5 questions to discuss as time permits)

Have the group make personal observations from Esther 7.

Why do you think Xerxes storms out of the room when Esther reveals Haman's plot to him?

Why do you think Esther adds the disclaimer in verse 4? What guidelines do you use to help you discern your response to issues of our day?

In your opinion is Haman under Satanic influence? Why/why not?

Do you think Esther should have "forgiven" Haman? Why/why not?

Do you think Haman deserved to be hanged for his actions?

What can we learn from the way Esther approaches Xerxes in 7:3-6 that could help us in confronting unjust situations?

In what ways does the imagery of Ps 40:1-2 picture what Christ has done in your life?



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What does Luke 15:3-6 say about how God approaches our need for rescue? What does it teach about our own approach to those who need rescue?

In regard to sensing where God may be calling us to rescue others, what is opinion of the following quote?

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

Frederick Buechner

Who has God been putting on your heart of late that needs a rescuer?

Guide – ESTHER: Rescue me

Esther is beautiful, wise, and gutsy. Her beauty will prove irresistible to the most powerful king in the world. With wisdom she will outmaneuver a cunning manipulator. With guts, she will take her place in history and save the Hebrew people from sure annihilation.

OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES

Esther 7: Rescue me.

- 1. Esther answers the call for rescue**
Esther 7
- 2. God is our rescuer**
Ps 40:1-2; 69:18; 35:10; 68:5; Gal 1:4; Luke 19:10; John 3:17
- 3. God calls us to rescue others**
John 20:21; Matt 25:40