

Suggested Discussion Questions for 2/19/2023

Message: THRIVE - The Esther Chronicles

1. Do you think every generation sees the world as “getting worse”? Why?
2. If you haven't already, read the entire book of Esther in a single sitting. Jot a few notes about what strikes you most about thriving amid hostility and share them with each other.
3. What are some similarities and differences you see in the unfolding of the accounts of Joseph and Esther?
4. How does Haman's anger reveal the impact of the drive for success and fame? How does God use this in the account for His purpose?
5. Connect the evidences of God's providence to the timeline of Esther. What do you learn and how does it help you face times of opposition and hostility?
6. Where are some places we object to what is going on in our world because they call or require us to do things God prohibits or not do what God commands? What are some issues that are more about our preference or comfort? How do you discern between them?
7. Where do you see Mordecai & Esther exercising this discernment? What help do you find in their example?
8. Deliverance comes from God, but He often employs courageous, trusting people in the process? Is there any place you feel God directing you to stand courageously despite any consequence it may entail?
9. Is there a God-given victory you need to celebrate more heartily?