



Enemies in Hiding

Small Group Questions

Memory Verse

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. – **1 Peter 5:8, NIV**

Connect

Think of a time in your life when you've been tempted to seek revenge? What were your feelings and thoughts at the time?

Commit

Read Esther 2:19-3:15

1. Subplots abound. Secrecy, concubines, obedience, plots to assassinate. Which ones most concern Xerxes? Mordecai? Esther?
2. What is the conflict between Haman & Mordecai that causes Haman's intense reaction to Mordecai (v.2-6)?
3. What might the author have been trying to communicate in his detailed description of the edict? Describe the atmosphere of the kingdom after the edict had been proclaimed.
4. Read Ephesians 4:25-27. How do you usually deal with anger? What do you learn about anger from this story and Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 4?
5. Describe the cycle of pain that Pastor Rick referred to in his message. Why doesn't seeking revenge work?
6. Read Ephesians 4:32. How might you guard against anger and seeking revenge in your relationships? Is there a person in your life that God may be asking you to forgive? If so, how can we pray for you?