



The Pursuit of Happiness

Small Group Questions

Memory Verse

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Psalm 16:11

Connect

Which of these lies of happiness are you most likely to believe?

- **Lie #1:** Power, wealth and pleasure bring happiness
 - **Lie #2:** Expensive gifts will bring happiness
 - **Lie #3:** I won't be happy unless I have what I want now
 - **Lie #4:** My happiness depends on the actions of others
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Commit to Growth

Read Esther 5

1. What risks does Esther take in this part of the story (v.1-8)? Look back at Esther 4:15-16. What enabled Esther to face the risk of going to the king without being summoned?

2. The Queen asked Haman and the King to attend a banquet. Why on earth do you think she requested Haman's presence?

3. What do you learn about Haman's character in verses 9-14? Contrast his character with that of Esther's?

4. Where in your life do you see the qualities of Haman and the qualities of Esther?

5. What do you learn about the pursuit of happiness from this text? Give examples.

6. Of the four "happiness secrets" that Pastor Rick referred to in his message, which one do you most need to adopt in your life right now?