



What a Coincidence Leaders Tips

Commit to Growth

Read Esther 6

1. **What events in the chapter seem coincidental in the development of the story? Where do you see the hand of God in all of this?**

This chapter has many seemingly coincidental events that really show God's providence in working out all things for his purposes. The king has trouble sleeping, happens to read about Mordecai's good deed. Haman happens to be the one who must honor Mordecai. God uses insignificant things for his glory!

2. **Where do you see the irony in King Xerxes and Haman's actions on this particular night (v1-6; 5:14)?**

It is suggested that the irony of the king's inability to sleep might be because of the construction going on, which Haman had ordered that night. Other ironies, both men are fixated on Mordecai, but one is to honor him and the other is to destroy him. Discuss how God's timing is perfect in this story.

3. **Read Proverbs 21:1. How does this chapter illustrate this proverb? Do you believe that God guides the hearts of today's political**

leaders and kings? What hope does this bring you?

Pastor Rick makes a very strong case biblically from the story that God can even guide the hearts of kings. Discuss that hope that this brings in our world and culture? How might it change the way you pray?

4. **Describe how Haman felt during the different events of the day. How do Jesus' words in Luke 14:11, describe Haman's life at this moment?**

Haman went through the whole range of emotions that day. From feeling joyful that he was finally getting the recognition that he wanted to grief, humiliation and anger at the end of the day. Discuss the importance of Jesus' words to Haman's life.

5. **What does Mordecai's meekness and loyalty bring him? What spiritual lessons do you see at work here (See Matthew 23:12)?**

Those who humble themselves will be exalted! Contrast this with Haman's life.

6. **The truth is that Haman isn't going to win against God. In what ways do you try to be in control of your circumstances? What life lessons to you learn from this story?**

Personalize it!