

### 3.12.17

## Esther

### Remember

Spend some time catching up with one another.

Leader: Talk through the Story of Esther. You might use the [video](#) I shared with you on the City.

- King Ahasuerus and Queen Vashti
- Esther chosen to be Queen
- Mordecai and the Assassination Plot
- Haman's Hatred
- God's Deliverance
  - Esther's Plan
  - Haman's Pride
  - The King's Sleepless Night
  - Haman's Humiliation
  - Esther outs Haman
  - The King's Wrath
  - The Jew's Protection

What are some things that stand out to you about the story of Esther?

### Deepen

Discuss each character in the story:

- Ahasuerus and Vashti
- Esther
- Mordecai
- Haman

What are some specific things you see in each of their lives that could serve as warnings to us?

Discuss Haman's Pride. Read Esther 5:9-14.

- What are some ways he tries to cope with his insecurity?
- Anything look familiar?

Discuss Esther's Opportunity. Read Esther 4:12-17

- How does God's sovereignty deliver us from anxiety?
- How does God's sovereignty call us to courage?

Where does Esther fit in the Story of the Snake Crusher? How does Esther display God's glory in the salvation of a rebellious people through Jesus Christ?

### Transform

What are ways God has appointed you to positions of power and influence so that you might serve Him by serving others?

There are leaders (of all stripes, in all places) in our world today who lead from places of insecurity and pride. How can we not fall into that trap?

How would 1 Timothy 2:1-2 lead us to pray for them?

Spend some time praying for our leaders