



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. It is starting to look like fall is finally here, do you like fall?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Esther chapter one. Who refused the king?
 - a. What happened? Share your thoughts.
3. According to Esther chapter two, what happened?
 - a. According to verse 17, how did Esther stand out?
 - b. How did Mordecai save the king? Share your thoughts.
4. According to Esther 3:1-10, what was Haman upset about?
 - a. Compare with Romans 12:1-2. Where does Jesus talk about "being in the world, but not of the world?" What was Haman's plan?
 - b. What kind of relationship did Mordecai and Esther have?
5. How did Mordecai respond to this plan of Haman's?
 - a. Please read Esther 4:1-12. Describe Esther's initial attitude.
 - b. Can we have this same attitude?
6. According to Esther 4:13-14, what was Mordecai's response?
 - a. What does this say about Esther?
7. Pastor Ruben talked about "Don't miss your moment." Do you think we all have moments in our lives that God gives us that are bigger moments than we realize?
 - a. What do they look like?
 - b. Do we always recognize them? Why or why not?
8. Please read Esther's response in Esther 4:15-17. Do you think she could have gotten to this place without Mordecai?
9. According to Mark 8:34-35; and Galatians 2:20, what does it mean to die to yourself?
 - a. What does this look like in a person today?
10. Please read about Haman's plan in Esther 5:9-14.



- a. Who gave Haman this advice?
 - b. What is the warning we can take from this about advice we might seek out?
11. In the midst of all this, God is working on His plan. Please read Esther 6:1-14. What is God doing?
12. According to Esther 7:1-10, what happened to Haman?
- a. According to Esther 10:3, what happened to Mordecai?
13. Who resembles your character more, Esther, Mordecai, or Haman? Why?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God puts people in strategic positions for a greater purpose.
- What you don't bow down to, is just as important as what you bow down to.
- A season of comfort can make you insensitive to the needs of others.
- Real change happens when you die to yourself, and live for Jesus.