



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 2nd April 2023

Esther ch 8: Simply irresistible



Warm Up

Have you ever been lost on a journey, without a map or unable to interpret the directions? How did you feel? What was it like when you eventually arrived?

Background and context

Re-watch the bible project clip to refresh your memories about the structure of the book.

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/esther/>

Ch8 completes the fall of Haman and the rise of Mordecai. What Haman craved, Mordecai and the Jews received. What Haman planned God overturned.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

Compare Esther ch3 and ch8.

1. How does ch8 mirror ch3? What reversals can you see?
2. How does Esther ch8 highlight that God has a plan and is working it out?
3. What did Haman set out to do and what did he ultimately achieve?
See Esther 3:6 and Esther 8:15.
4. In Psalm 2, how does God respond to human attempts to resist Him? How is this borne out in Esther?
5. What did the enemies of Jesus think they were doing? What did they actually do?
See Acts 4:23-31
6. What was the response of the Apostles after the events of Acts 4?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

7. When is it difficult for us to trust that God has a plan?
8. How does God's plan in the book of Esther point us to Jesus?
9. How can we be encouraged in the light of God's plan for us? See Philipians 1:5.
10. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How does Paul describe faith?
11. In what ways are we being asked to exercise faith in our own lives now?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.