



# ESTHER

JUNE 14

## Week 5: The Pursuit of Satisfaction

### Key Scripture

*But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate.*

Esther 5:13

### Lies we believe about satisfaction

#### 1. Life is about me

*Haman boasted to them about his vast wealth, his many sons, and all the ways the king had honored him and how he had elevated him above the other nobles and officials.*

Esther 5:11

#### 2. I'll be happy when...

*Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

1 Timothy 6:6-7

#### 3. If I do good, I will get good

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.*

Matthew 5:11-12

### For personal reflection or group discussion.

- Think of a time you made a big request. Were you nervous? Scared? How did it turn out?
- Have you ever done the right thing, but it went unrewarded? How did it make you feel?

### Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Reflect on Esther going to the king uninvited and then throwing a banquet (v. 1-8). Why might she have taken this approach? Why not beg for mercy?
- John shared 3 lies we tend to believe about satisfaction. Which one tends to ensnare you?

### Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read 1 Kings 21:1-19. What lessons can be learned from the story of Naboth's vineyard?
- What things are you grateful for today? How can you share it with others?

### Read Scripture about satisfaction.

Psalms 34:8

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Jeremiah 31:25

### Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you satisfy completely. Forgive me for the times that I have pursued meaningless things. Help me guard against complaining as I live in gratitude for all you have done. In Jesus name, Amen.

### Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Read through the book of Esther in one sitting. What jumps out at you? Share what God is teaching you with a friend or family member.
- How can you express your gratitude to God this week?



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