



# ESTHER

JUNE 28

## Week 6: God sets things right

### Key Scripture

<sup>5</sup> King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

<sup>6</sup> Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman."

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

<sup>10</sup> So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.

Esther 7:5-6, 10

### God's Divine Retribution

1. God's timing is perfect

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

2 Peter 3:9

2. God opposes the proud

*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

James 4:6

### For personal reflection or group discussion.

- Think of a time you got a taste of your own medicine. What happened? What did you learn?
- How good are you at keeping secrets? Esther carried her secret ethnic identity for 5 years.

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

- Read Esther 6:11-12. Haman's response to having to honor Mordecai. Have you ever been forced to eat "humble pie?"
- Esther courageously asked the king to help save the lives of her people. In what ways do you think we should be involved in confronting injustice?

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

- Has there been a recent time in your life that you experienced an attack from Satan? What helped you overcome it?
- For what things are you struggling to wait on God's timing?

### Read Scripture about divine retribution.

Proverbs 21:15

Romans 12:19

Proverbs 5:22-23

Galatians 6:7

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

Heavenly Father, thank you that you set things right. Help us to trust you completely and submit to your plans for our life. Help us to be courageous in the face of our enemy. Thank you that we are more than conquerors! 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 humble yourself before God this week?



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