

## Dig Deeper @Home – “Coincidence?”

### Complement to lesson on 06/28/2020 – “Just a Coincidence?”

#### ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share some “coincidences” that have had impact on your life.
2. Would you rather be 6 inches shorter or 6 inches taller?

#### MEMORIZE – Esther 4: 15-16

Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

#### READ Esther 8-10

##### Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What sticks out to you in this passage? What did you like? What didn’t you like?
  - a. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. What is this passage revealing about God? About us as humans?
3. Read again 9:1. In a book filled with plot twists, cliffhangers and incredible detail, this verse is stunningly direct. In fact, it has no suspense whatsoever. It simply summarizes how it all ends: “the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.”
  - a. Why do you think the author writes it this way?
  - b. Read Revelation 19: 19-21. What similarities do you see between this battle summary and Esther 9:1?
  - c. What are these saying to us? What is the promise we are called to cling to?
4. Read again Esther 10:3.
  - a. What position did Mordecai have? How does this connect with a person’s position who trusts in and follows Jesus Christ?
  - b. Mordecai sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people. Followers of Jesus serve King Jesus. If that’s the case, how does a Christ follower live out seeking welfare of others and speaking peace to others?
    - i. Hint: Jesus (the King) tells us in Matthew 22: 36-40, Mark 12: 28-34, Luke 10: 25-37
    - ii. What does it look like to live this out this week?

## **Experiential activity – A Feast to Remember**

The Feast of Purim was put in place to remember the deliverance of the Jews from the plan of Haman. Hundreds of years later, a group of Jews were gathered in an upper room with their Rabbi celebrating another feast ... Passover, another time of remembering deliverance. In this meal, the Rabbi, Jesus, told his followers that he was the true Passover lamb of God and Christians for thousands of years have celebrated Communion or The Lord's Supper together, remembering how all who trust and follow Jesus have been delivered from sin and death. Take time this week in your family, Neighborhood Hub or with other Christian friends and celebrate Communion together. As you take communion, remember that no matter how your life story is going at the moment, we have assurance of victory in Christ in the end!

## **SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)**

**Waymaker** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxTxSCf51ck>

**Restore Me** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Otyr2ulS0o>

**O Worship the King – Mennonite Hymnal #15**

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Go this week, ready to give your life as a servant to others. Go this week, in the power of the Holy Spirit, ready to sow seeds for the the Kingdom of God and serve those around you. Go this week, being salt and light for the world with the love of Christ. Go with these on your lips, "Here am I, send me."