

# Small Group Discussion 1/16/2022

## “Lucky Breaks Multiply” *or maybe* God’s Provision For His People (Part 2)

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Esther 2:19-5:14

### Getting Started

- Have you ever been overwhelmed with man's inhumanity to man? Can you cite some examples?

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- Can you name instances through history where the Jews have been the target of attempted annihilation or persecution ?
- From Romans 11:1-24: Identify the natural branches and the wild branches. Why were the natural branches broken off? Why were the wild branches grafted in? Why would natural branches need to be grafted back in? How does salvation coming to the Gentiles make Jews jealous?
- Name as many as you can of the "lucky breaks" that occurred in today's passage; how do they reveal God's working through His providence?
- Have you ever seen something that began as a private disagreement and ended up as a public dispute?
- Why was Mordecai so sure that deliverance for the Jews would come from another location if not through Esther? (cf Esther 4:14)
- Have you ever been in a position of authority and someone would not submit? How did that make you feel? How did you deal with that situation?