

Small Group Discussion 1/23/2022

God's Promise Fulfilled (Part 3)

– sermon by Dr. John Martin

Esther 6-10

Getting Started

- Have you ever kept a diary, journal, or “Annals of the King?” Do you know what life-changing event happened 60 years ago today?

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

- Did the Jews in Susa sin by remaining in Medo-Persia when they could have returned to the land God had promised them?
- Did Esther sin by allowing herself to become a part of the king's harem? (John and Kathryn Martin have differing viewpoints on this).
- React to this statement: “They weren't believers because they obeyed the Law, but they obeyed the Law because they were believers.”
- What does Esther 4:14 tell us about World War II as regards the Jews? What could have happened if Hitler had won the war?
- 6. How does Romans 11:28, 29 bring meaning to the book of Esther?
- 7. React to this statement: “Before you study any book of Scripture you should read Deuteronomy 28–30.” How does this influence our interpretation of the book of Esther?
- 8. Have you ever had a time when your sorrow was turned into joy and your mourning into a day of celebration?
- 9. What personal applications do you draw from this history? Is it only meaningful to Jews?