



Esther 3 **An Evil Edict**

1. Take a moment to recap what is happening in Chapter 3. How have you been processing the tension of living in this world under the domain of Satan, and being a believer in Christ?

See also: John 15:18-19; John 14:1-3; John 16:33

2. Discuss for a few minutes the effects of some of our fallen natures:

Haman- How did anger control him?

Xerxes- How did his pride blind him?

Mordecai- He would not salute Haman because of a family feud.

3. Read Esther 3:12. How gracious for God to provide the Passover celebration in the midst of this evil edict. How has God delivered His people in the past? How have you experienced God's grace in the midst of 'bad news'?

4. Read Esther 3:15. How are people bewildered today due to what is happening in our world?

What are you placing your hope in? How can God use you to offer hope to others?

Take a few minutes to pray:

1. Thank God for delivering us from the edict of death.

2. Ask God to help us continually place our hope in Him.

3. Ask God for opportunities to offer hope to others.