



ESTHER 9:1-10:3

INTRODUCTION:

The People of God are saved. Their salvation leads to celebration. So must ours as well.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

REVIEW

- What is something you have learned through your study of Esther? How will it impact how you live?
- Have someone read **Esther 9:1-10:3**
- Why do you think Esther asks for second day and for the bodies of Haman's sons to be hung up?
- Why did the Jews not take any plunder (v10, v15, v16)?
- Why did they name the feast Purim?
- How can the Lord's Supper parallel the feast of Purim?

APPLICATION

- How do we reconcile a text like Esther ch 9 with Christ's call to love our enemies and pray for them?
- How did God defeat his enemies in the cross?
- The struggle against enemies produced unity among God's people. How should our struggles against the flesh, the world, and the devil produce the same in us? What things prevent us from uniting in these battles?
- What does the book of Esther teach us about authority?
- What act of self-denial could you do this week to show your greater love for Christ?
- How often do you rejoice in the rest and relief Christ provides? How and why should you do so more?
- In what ways are you intentional about reminding yourself of what God has done for us in Jesus? Why do we have to be intentional about this?
- How does the joy of this rescue help us rejoice at the greater and deeper rescue that God has given us through Jesus?
- What can we do to ensure that our faith is passed on the generations to come?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?