

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

For Such a Time as This

Week 5: God's Justice
Esther 5-10

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Much injustice exists in our world. Innocent people suffer and evil people flourish. In our final study of Esther, we discovered that God is deeply troubled by injustice and fully committed to bringing justice.

Kicking it off: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

Discussion:

1. Can you think of an example of injustice that you have witnessed? Tell the group about it.
2. Reread *Esther 7:9* The King's servants said, "A pole reaching to a height of seventy-five feet stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai." The king said, "Impale Haman on it!"

How is this verse an example of "poetic justice?"
3. Reread *Esther 8:2* The king took off his signet ring, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai.

How is this verse an example of "delayed justice?"
4. Reread *2 Thessalonians 1:6-7* God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to those who are troubled. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels.

When Jesus returns, He will bring complete justice to the world. Can you think of any injustices that you look forward to seeing resolved?
5. Reread the final verse of Esther (*Esther 10:3*) Mordecai was held in high esteem by his fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.

Mordecai was an agent of God's justice. We must be too. Provide specific examples of how we might fight against injustice.
6. Have you ever known someone who heroically fought injustice? If so, tell about them.

Wrapping It Up: Pray that God will guide us to ways we can fight injustice. Then pray for the courage and strength to follow where God guides.