



November 2- Esther 8

1. Why was Esther still distressed even after Haman was dead?
2. What does the king's response to Esther in verse 8 show about his leadership style? How do you respond when given responsibility? Do you wait for someone else to act, or do you take initiative?
3. What was the significance of giving Mordecia the king's signet ring? When has God raised someone up in your life at just the right time?
4. How is the new decree different from the old one?
5. What emotions do we see in verses 15-17 when the Jews hear the new decree?
6. How do you express gratitude when God comes through for you?
7. Why do you think people from other nations "became Jews" in verse 17?
8. Have you ever seen God turn a hopeless situation around?
9. Do you tend, or are you willing, to speak up for others even when your own needs are met, like Esther did?

November 9- Esther 9:1-10:3

1. What does Esther 9:1 teach us about God's timing and the reversal of events?
2. Why were the Jews able to defend themselves so successfully (9:2-5)?
3. Why do you think the Jews refused to take plunder from their enemies (9:10,15-16)?
4. What was the purpose of establishing the festival of Purim (9:20-22)? Why is it important to remember and celebrate God's work in your life?
5. What does Esther 9:27-28 tell us about community responsibility in remembering God's deliverance?
6. Do you, and or your family, do anything intentional to remember special things God has done for you? Explain.
7. What does Esther 10:3 tell us about Mordecia's legacy?
8. What kind of legacy are you trying to build through your decisions and influence?