**Living in a Messed-Up World**

**PLEASANT VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—12/3/18**

Questions for Reflection

This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Community Group. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying God’s Word. Consider this a flexible tool, not a rigid task list, and follow the Holy Spirit’s lead as you facilitate your group’s discussion. You do not need to ask every question.

**DISCUSSION FOCUS: This week we are studying Esther 3. In this chapter, we find that Mordecai would not bow to Haman each day as he came by. When Haman found out that Mordecai was a Jew, he got the king to sign a law that the Jews would be killed on certain day.**



**Assessing the Heart**

* We might consider Haman prejudiced against the Jewish people. Do you have prejudice in your life toward ethnic groups, the homeless, or poor, etc.? How do you handle your prejudices?
* When you present your side of a situation to a superior (as Haman proposed this law), how do you slant it in your favor? How are you tempted to share a story in a way that benefits you?

**Opening Question:** In your younger years were you zealous for a cause? Did you protest, picket or break laws for that cause? How have your views changed?

**Turning to God**

* How does God view all people - with prejudice or in equal love and fairness? How can you conquer your prejudice so you can love others and share the Gospel with them?
* What practical steps can you take to be more careful about seeing both sides of a situation or dispute? Does Proverbs 18:17 off any further insight?

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Know the Truth

Understand the Truth

Give a vision of

life with God

What does it look like to live the truth?

Why don’t we live the truth?

What are you not believing?

What lies are you believing?

Confession of sin

How do we repent?

What changes do

we make?

Renew belief in God

**CONVICT**

**Prayer:**

**Living and Applying God’s Word**

* Why do you think Mordecai would not bow before Haman? Does Gen 42:6; 1 Sam 24:8; and 1 Kgs 1:21 offer any further insight?
* How was Haman deceptive when he got the king to sign this law? How was the king negligent in not investigating the implications of this law?

**Understanding God’s Word – READ Esther 3:2-11**

* How did Mordecai act toward Haman in out text? How did Haman act toward Mordecai and his people?
* How did Haman get the king to sign the law to exterminate the Mordecai’s people, the Jews?