

Discussion Guide Esther 2:1-11

Understanding the text

1. Verse 2 begins with “After these things”. What has transpired between 1:22 and 2:1?
2. What cultural parallels can we identify between 5th century Persia and ours?
3. Why might Mordecai tell Esther to keep her identity secret and for how long did she do so?
4. What in this passage points to the sovereignty of God?

Practical Application

1. King Ahasuerus masked the problem his sin created by listening to foolish counsel. In what ways do you try to mask or rationalize your sin?
2. In what ways have you become too comfortable in the world and failed to live like your citizenship is in heaven?
3. How can you fight the temptation to withhold sharing Christ due to fear of man?
4. We see in Mordecai and Esther flawed individuals who do not honor God in a trying but important time. How can the failures of our “heroes” drive us to deeper trust in Jesus?