

Questions

1. Can you think of a recent time when you were in a hard place and you thought, "How did I get here"?
2. What part did evil have in Esther finding herself in the presence of the king?
3. In what way might it have been unwise for Mordecai and Esther to be living in Susa (consider Jeremiah 29:1-14)?
4. Based on the plot that will be exposed in Esther 3, in what way were covenant promises of God ultimately at the center of the conflict in the book of Esther?
5. If you have found yourself in painful or hard circumstances due to another's sin, or due to your own unwise choices, or a combination of both, what does Esther reinforce to you?
6. The book of Esther will show us God delivering His people. Who is your deliverer?
7. Consider the gospel of Jesus Christ. What are some elements of that good news that can speak to a Christian who is struggling with their current lot in life? What hope is there for that person?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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A Story of Providence

How Did I Get Here?

Esther 2:1-18

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As we are introduced to the book of Esther, we will encounter a strong view of the providence of God even though God is not named throughout Esther's story.

Setting the Scene (2:1)

Attempts to answer the question "How did Esther get here?".

1. On account of man's evil (2:2-4, 12-14)

Of this we can be certain, regardless of how we got here, God's purposes are greater and will not be thwarted.

2. On account of bad, poor, or questionable choices (2:5-7)