Sermon-based Growth Group
My Name is Harbona
Book of Esther
Questions
August 7, 2022

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

Discussion:

1. **God is never mentioned in the book of Esther. What does this tell us about what God is doing in our lives when we can't see Him or feel His presence?**
    a. **Was there a time in your life when you could only see God working in your life after the fact?**

2. **Where do you see God working when Xerxes has insomnia and ends up reading the story of how Mordecai had saved his life?**
    a. **What does that tell us about how God works in our lives behind the scenes?**

3. **Why does Haman think that the king wants to honor him?**
    a. **What is wrong with Haman that leads him into this trap?**
    b. **How can we avoid these traps?**

4. **James 4:6 says, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Why is it necessary for God to oppose the proud?**
    a. **How does pride keep us from accessing God's grace?**

5. **Are you lucky? How much of your "luck" is really God at work?**
    a. **What does that tell us about when things don't go well or when we feel "unlucky"?**
    b. **How much of what happens in your life should you be thanking God for?**

6. **Why do you think that God allowed Esther, Mordecai, and the Jews to be put in danger in the first place and then save them?**
    a. **What does that teach us about suffering?**

7. **Has anything in your worldview changed because of this discussion?**