

BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

Their stories and what we can learn from them

Study Guide - Haman

As a group, summarize the book of Esther
What stands out to you in this book?

Read Esther 3:1-6

Why do you think Haman was so against the Jews?

We see here anti-Semitism. In the news lately we have seen the injustice suffered by blacks and Asians. What other people suffer from prejudice?

How are we individually and as a church propagating this?

What does God's Word tell us?

Read Acts 10:34

What is meant that "God shows no partiality"?

Discuss the context of this verse and how it might pertain to the issues of today.

I read this from a church youth director:

"I am a black woman with two black sons, ages 28 and 29, and a brand-new grandson. The other day I was riding through a nearby town with my son and we passed by two young white men standing by their bicycles laughing and talking with each other. My son said, 'I wonder what it's like to wake up in the morning and not be afraid to go out. To hang out with your friends, and not be afraid of the police if you get stopped.' He and his brother are always trying to tell me not to worry when they go out. But, at that moment, I realized they were just saying that for my sake, that they themselves were scared being out in this world. Imagine living your life like that?"

What stories of racism have you heard from friends or experienced yourself?

What do you think is the deep issue why this is occurring?

Laura laid out three things we can do: take an honest look at ourselves, speak up, and pray.
Is there anything you think should be added to this list?

If you are comfortable share the one area that you feel you need to address in your life, for example - being silent ignoring the issue.

Pray keeping in mind 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."