



Discussion Guide

SIGHT UNSEEN

November 28, 2021
Sight Unseen: Week 6

ICE BREAKER: What are you most thankful for as we enter the holiday season and approach the end of the year?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURAL TEXT: Esther [Chapters 9-10](#)

QUESTIONS: **pick a few of the questions below that best fit your group.**

- Who can summarize the events of [Esther Chapter 8](#)?
- Who can briefly summarize the events in [Esther Chapter 9 and 10](#)?
- At the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Craig spoke about how love is primarily defined by compassion but that biblical (God) love is more than that. Do you think that wrath and justice are an important part of God's love? Why or why not?
- In the book of Esther, how or where do we see that the love of God and the justice of God are not mutually exclusive?
- Read [Esther 9:1-16](#), how does God make good on his promise and come through for the Jewish people?
- How does it make you feel that God allowed (even enabled) His chosen people to defend themselves and kill others? Is it ok to be a warrior for God? Any limitations on that?
- How is [Esther Chapters 9 and 10](#) a fulfillment of [Genesis 12:1-3](#) and [2 Samuel 7:15-16](#)?
- Why is it important to know and remember how God has delivered on His promises to the Jews in the Old Testament (like in Esther) or to you in your own past? (because it gives us faith for today; God's faithfulness in the past gives FAITH for today and tomorrow; we can believe His promises)
- Read [Esther 9:26-28](#). How do the Jews respond to God's provision in the story of Esther? In general, how are we (as God's people) supposed to respond when He provides and is faithful to us?
- Where has God provided for you in this season? How can you celebrate that?

- How does being openly thankful to God for His faithfulness and provision in your own life bear witness to the Gospel?

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

- As we close out this sermon series, what are 1 or 2 main lessons or takeaways? **Or** What do you hear God saying to you through the story of Esther?
- Do you need to do anything specific in response to what you are hearing?
- How can the group or a partner help keep you accountable or follow up?