

The Great Reversal

Esther 8-10

Announcements:

1. Fall Fest-Oct 22, 5-8pm.
2. Boulder Mountain Academy: What Is Christianity? 5 Weeks, starting Tuesday, Oct 21
3. Baptisms. Sunday, November 23

Opener: Share a “Great Reversal” story from your life:

Observation Questions

1. In Esther 7:5-10, what is the immediate consequence for Haman after Esther reveals his plot to the king?
 2. According to Isaiah 59:1, what does the passage say about God’s ability to save and hear?
 3. What does Romans 8:1 promise to those who are in Christ Jesus?
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Interpretation Questions

1. Esther and Mordecai’s story is a “great reversal.” What does this reversal reveal about God’s character and how He works in hopeless situations?
 2. The greatest reversal is what God does in the human heart, not just in circumstances.
 3. The story of Esther points to Jesus’ resurrection as the ultimate vindication. How does Jesus’ victory over sin and death change the way we view our own stories and struggles?
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Application Questions

1. “If it’s not good, God is not done.” Is there an area of your life right now that feels unfinished or hopeless? What would it look like to trust God with that situation this week?
2. Have you ever tried to “vindicate yourself” or set things right on your own? What happened? How might you let God handle your vindication instead?
3. The story of the mother who forgave the person who was responsible for her daughter’s death is a powerful example of forgiveness. Is there someone in your life you struggle to forgive? What step could you take toward forgiveness, even if it’s just praying for them?

4. There is no such thing as coincidence or luck for followers of Jesus. Can you think of a time when something seemed like “chance,” but looking back, you see God’s hand in it?
 5. The greatest reversal is the transformation of the heart. Is there an area in your heart or life where you need God to bring change, healing, or freedom? How can you invite Him into that area this week?
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