

Life Group Notes – Sunday 22nd September

Justice

Read Esther Chapter 6

Despite doing a great thing for the king, Mordecai had not sought a reward.

- Share an example of a time when you have been rewarded or a time when you think you should have been rewarded but weren't. How did it make you feel?
- Do you think it was right and just to reward Mordecai for his actions?
- What can we learn from Mordecai about our attitude towards being rewarded and building up treasure on earth (Matt 6)?
- How does Mordechai's attitude differ from Haman's?

Read Esther Chapter 7

Esther had suffered the injustice of being taken into slavery as the king's wife, but she only took a stand when her people were also threatened with injustice. Haman felt he had been unjustly treated when Mordecai wouldn't bow down to him and immediately sought to avenge the Jewish people.

- Share an example of a time when you have tried to right or avenge an injustice that you have suffered or witnessed. What did you learn from that experience?
- How does Esther's attitude to justice differ from Haman's?
- Do you think God was equally offended by the injustices suffered by Esther and Haman?
- When is it right to take a stand against injustice? (Isaiah 1:17)
- Is it ever right to take revenge on someone who has committed an injustice? (Romans 12:19)
- When is it right to show grace to someone who has committed an injustice and how might grace be shown in that situation?

PRAY:

For those in the group who have suffered an injustice that God will give them wisdom to know how to deal with it and will heal any bitterness or anger they feel.

That God will show each person the role they should have in standing up against injustice.

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