



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, May 7, 2023

TITLE: A Royal Mess

SERIES: The Book of Esther

PASSAGE: Esther 1:1-22

INTRO:

PROVIDENCE + FAITHFULNESS = COURAGE

3 PARTS & 2 QUESTIONS:

1. The Royal _____ (1:1-9)
2. The Royal _____ (1:10-12)
3. The Royal _____ (1:13-22)

Question 1: Will I believe God is always _____ even if I _____?

“The Providence of God”: God’s _____ and _____ in the everyday events of life to brings about his _____

cf., Genesis 50:20a

Question 2: For which _____ will I live?

cf., Luke 9:23-25



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the largest celebration or party that you have attended? What was it for? How long did it last?
2. Read Esther 1:1-9. What do you observe about this celebration of King Ahasuerus? How does this party compare to your example in question 1?
3. This party elevated the king. Do you find at times you like to elevate yourself to others? Explain.
4. Read Esther 1:10-12. What do you learn about the relationship between the king and queen? What else do you observe?
5. Read Esther 1:13-22. What question did the king ask the wise men? Was their response wise? Explain.
6. Who do you have in your life that provides good, Godly, wise counsel when you are faced with important decisions?
7. Will I believe God is always at work even when I can't see him?
 - a. What is a definition of the "providence of God"?
 - b. Is there a situation in your life that you do not believe that God is at work?
 - c. Do you trust that God's plan is best?
 - d. Do you think that God can use it for your good?

8. For which kingdom will I live?

- a. Read Luke 9:23-25. What does this passage mean to you and how do you live it out?
- b. What are the differences that you note between King Ahasuerus from the book of Esther and King Jesus from the Bible?
- c. What do you need to repent of where you have not been living for the kingdom of God?