



A Deadly Decree

Esther 2:19-3:15 (pg. 411)

Seek the good of all, never bow to evil, but understand that in
God's story suffering precedes glory.

1. A plot foiled (2:19-23)

2. An enemy promoted (3:1-6)

3. A genocide approved (3:7-15)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
3. Mordecai saves the king's life in Esther 2:22-23. In Jeremiah 29:5-7, God's people are told to seek the welfare of their city, and 1 Timothy 2:1-4 likewise calls believers to seek to live a peaceful life. If we consider who the kings and emperors were at the time these Scriptures were written, how does it cause us to consider our attitudes toward our leaders today?
4. What parallels can you see between Esther 3:1-2, Daniel 3:16-18, Matthew 4:8-10, and Revelation 13:5-10? Do the people described in these passages have an easy time of it when they refuse to bow their knee to evil power? And if they do suffer for making a stand, talk about the way things ultimately turn out for them.
5. What has the Holy Spirit convicted you of in this sermon?
6. How were you encouraged by this passage?