



# Life Group Discussion Guide

THE ROOT OF IT ALL

*Esther 3*

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# ESTHER

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

## INTRODUCTION

In His Esther 3 we read about Haman. Haman was a descendant of Agag, who was the king of the Amalekites, the people who were Israel's sworn enemy for generations (Exodus 17:14-16). He was an extremely proud and insecure man; he could only consider himself a success if everyone else thought he was a success. Haman was a man full of hatred and bitterness, which eventually exposed him for who he was. We can learn a valuable lesson from this. If we harbor bitterness and unforgiveness in our heart, it will eventually destroy us.

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Have you ever had to pay big bucks to repair something that became unusable because you didn't maintain it very well (car, mower, appliance, etc)? Tell the group about it.
2. Why is it easy to let things go? Why does it get easier to put something off after we put it off the first time?

## EVALUATE IT

1. Why does Mordecai refuse to bow before Haman? Why is this a big deal?
2. Haman the Agagite is a descendant of King Agag (1 Samuel 15; who the Israelites were supposed to execute) and the Amalekites. How did the disobedience of Mordecai's ancestors put his life in danger?
3. Stuart said, "The truth is, there are a bunch of us that grow fruit in our life just like Haman did." What fruit did Haman grow? Where did it come from? How do we mimic Haman in 2018?
4. How do we name the root? How do we discover the stories we tell ourselves that are causing us to produce bad fruit? Once discovered, how do we, as Stuart said, "detach and attach?"

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Answer the question Stuart asked, "What are you attaching to? Are you attaching to negative emotions, negative stories? Are you attaching to things that are just weaving stories within you that are producing bad fruit?"
2. Answer the other big question Stuart asked, "How are you guarding your heart?" What are you doing to prevent your heart from attaching itself to anything?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"God is rarely conspicuous, but always involved in the details of your life."

- Jeff Kinkade



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