

Discussion questions on Esther 8, 9 and 10

Upon what facts was the Jews joy and gladness based in 8:15-17?

As a result of what similar facts can we rejoice and be glad?

Do you think the last sentence of 8:17 has anything to teach us about evangelism?

What role does fear have to play in the gospel?

What does chapter 8 teach us about our relationship to ungodly governments?

Chapter 9 verses 10, 15 and 16 tell us the Jews did not take the plunder, even though the law allowed them to take it. What do you think stopped them?

Are there times when we need to stop ourselves doing things that are legitimate? How do we approach those times?

Why is it so important that the Jews observe Purim? What would happen if they didn't celebrate Purim and how would this affect their relationship with God?

To what extent is communion like Purim? Does it have the same importance?

How is Mordecai like Jesus in chapter 10? How is Jesus different from Mordecai?

What would it mean for us to hold Jesus in high esteem?