

## **It's Friday, but Sunday's coming**

### **Esther 4:9 – 17**

1. Deuteronomy chapter 28 sets out the blessings God's people will receive if they obey the LORD and the consequences if they do not obey the Lord. What might the position be for those who follow Jesus? (See Matt 5:1-12, Matt 6:30 – 33 and Matt 7:21-23, Matt 25:31-46, John 14:21).
2. Esther 3:12 – 4:3. It looks like the end for the Jewish people. Have you been in a difficult situation where there didn't seem any way out? What did you do?
3. The Surprising rebirth of belief in God. Billy vs Wes debate. The Quiet Revival. Were you aware of any of these 3 things? In addition YWAM found that 40% of non-Christians said they wanted to join a group to discover what the bible has to say for themselves (Source HopeTogether.org.uk).  
Do you sense that something may be changing in society? Have you noticed anything in the places you go or in the people you meet?
4. Is there anything you think the church could do to reach those who seem to be more open to God? Is there anything you could do personally?  
([https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/432102/The\\_Great\\_Gospel.aspx](https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/432102/The_Great_Gospel.aspx),  
[https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Articles/660336/Sammy\\_Prayer\\_for.aspx](https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Articles/660336/Sammy_Prayer_for.aspx),  
<https://finishingthetask.com/> This page includes a short video you might want to watch as a group.
5. Are you prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have? 1 Pet 3:13-17. If you don't feel prepared what can you do get prepared?
6. Esther 4:12-14. Do you think Esther was in her royal position by chance or was she there because God knew exactly what would happen?
7. Do you feel that you are in the place you are a reason?  
We are all here because we are appointed – Matt 28:18-20, Eph 2:10. How's it going?
8. Read Est 7:3-10. What can we learn from Haman's fate? See Matt 7:12.
9. Is there 1 thing that you can take from your discussions and thoughts into the coming week?

The book of Esther could be described as a short drama. Why not read it this week? It doesn't take long.