



Esther ... What to Do When Your World is Broken

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Esther ... Living in a Broken World

The Broken World of Esther ...

- _____ ... (Esther 1:10-11)
- _____ ... (Esther 1:15-18)
- _____ ... (Esther 2:21-23)
- _____ ... (Esther 3:8-9)
- _____ ... (Esther 3:10)
 - Truth ... The ills of Society have existed as long as sin has existed ... the ills are simply proof that the world we live in is _____.

What to Do with a Broken World ...

- Call or Become _____
- Buy stock in _____ and _____

Life Lessons to ... Living in a Broken World

- Decide to Be a _____ (Esther 4:13-14)
- _____ where you are _____ (Esther 4:15-16)
- Discern _____ and Be Bold (Esther 4:16)
- By Faith, _____ (Esther 4:17; Luke 9:24)

Truth for Life

For the week of October 11, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Take some time and think about the greatest problems in our society. List them. Have they gotten worse in your lifetime? What efforts have been utilized to resolve or correct those problems? Have they worked? Why or why not?

Which one or two of the list above is/are the most grievous (or worst) problems? Why?

Considering the list of societal problems above, can you think of any of those problems that also occurred in the stories of the Bible? Of these problems, why do you think they still occur today?

2. Our tendency is to resolve that God is either absent or doesn't get involved when we think through such a list as above; especially in light of the social ills being present for such a long time. Read Psalm 13 in several translations. What answer did the Psalmist get from God? What was his determination, despite God's lack of response? (vs. 5-6)
3. Read the following verses on God and injustice.

Proverbs 20:23	Psalm 89:14	Leviticus 19:15
2 Chronicles 19:7	Romans 9:14	Proverbs 22:22-23

What do these verses teach us about how God views injustice? Do you see any recourse that He promises? Then, why does injustice exist in this world?

4. "When we cannot see His hand, we trust His heart," says the song. There are times we simply cannot see what God is doing, but that doesn't mean He is not working. Read Isaiah 55:8-11 in a few translations. What does this passage tell us about what God promises about His Word? As the Psalmist in Psalm 13, we must simply trust. Why is that so hard? What is your greatest hinderance in simply trusting God to do what He said He would do?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your group.
 - a. What are the most difficult trials that you have been through? How might God be working them for your ultimate good?
 - b. Why does Romans 8:28 only work if God is sovereign over all things, even the evil that happens? Why does denying that truth not help? Why is it harder to trust God when evil is involved?



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- **Inequality** ... (Esther 1:15-18)
- **Narcissism** ... (Esther 2:21-23)
- **Deception** ... (Esther 3:8-9)
- **Racism** ... (Esther 3:10)
 - Truth ... The ills of Society have existed as long as sin has existed ... the ills are simply proof that the world we live in is **far from God**.

What to Do with a Broken World ...

- Call or Become **Superman**
- Buy stock in **Duct Tape** and **WD-40**

Life Lessons to ... Living in a Broken World

- Decide to Be a **Part of the Solution** (Esther 4:13-14)
- **Bloom** where you are **Planted** (Esther 4:15-16)
- Discern **His Purposes** and Be Bold (Esther 4:16)
- By Faith, **Put it All on the Line** (Esther 4:17; Luke 9:24)

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