

Small Group Notes, Sunday 18th November, 2018
God commands us to fulfil our purpose in Christ!

Esther

Read Esther 4:12-14

Introduction

All living things are activated by purpose, giving shape and meaning to all that they do and are. They feed themselves, express themselves, defend themselves and reproduce themselves. To engage in these purposeful activities is to be alive.

Let's talk about how we can stay alive as a disciple of Jesus.

- **When God speaks to us....**

When God speaks it is not as a fortune-teller, looking into our personal future whether I will succeed or die, and satisfying curiosity regarding the necessities in our life.

Do you remember the most ridiculous thing(s) you've ever asked God to know or to have?

When? Were you answered?

When God speaks it is not in explanation of all the things that we have not been able to find answers from our parents or in books. God's word makes things happen-he makes something happen to us. Let's see Jonah's case Jonah 1: 2-3

Jonah also was asked by God, "Go to Nineveh, that great city, and speak out against it; I am aware of how wicked its people are", Jonah however set out in the opposite direction in order to get away from the God.

Have you ever changed your direction in opposition to God? When? What happened?

- **Has anyone rebuked you strongly? Why? Did it help?**

Read 2 Timothy Chapter 1:12-14

We looked on Sunday at the relationship between Mordecai & Esther. Do you value the support of a mentor? Talk a little about the relationship between Paul and Timothy as a model.

- **How do you understand how the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groaning?**

Read Romans Chapter 8: 26 -30

Our thoughts and feelings empower you to obey or disobey. Our present 'flesh' will still lust to do those things that are unlawful, while at the same time your heart and the Spirit will condemn those thoughts and feelings to avoid the temptation.

Where are the tough points in working our faith & witness?

- **How do you seek God's will?**

Do you believe fasting prayer is for today? Jesus also fasted for 40 days and nights.

Exodus 34:28, Psalm 35:13-14, Joel 2:12-13, Luke 4:2-4

- **Reflect on Sunday's sermon!**

Are you in a fellowship which can cry and weep together to God as brothers and sisters?

Are you willing to challenge our spiritual children to 'come forth' for Jesus, the king of kings, like Mordecai?

Are you Esther who was hesitating; will you go to the uninvited to speak up after you've geared up with the Holy Spirit in you?

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCE

Give thanks to God who sent Jesus who became sin for us.

That we may be brought into a wholly new order of responsiveness to God due to Jesus' sacrificial death.

That we can meet the resurrected Jesus personally due to the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

That we believe that Holy Spirit will lead us to the place/person to be a witness of Jesus' resurrection.