



Series: The Book of Esther
Sermon: The Exercise of Power
Esther 1:10-22

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. The framers of our constitution were wise in separating powers. As you observe our lives today, what were they addressing and why? How was King Xerxes in danger of being intoxicated with power? Discuss.
2. Share examples of circumstances in your lives where power has been exercised poorly or wisely. Did those actions make things better or worse? How did King Xerxes exercise of power create a mess and why?
3. In Ephesians 5:18, Paul made it clear power must be under control. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit today in keeping power under control.
4. King Xerxes surrounded himself with counsel that gave him wicked and self-serving counsel. What was the source of that counsel? How was it wicked? How was it self-serving? Discuss.
5. In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus describes his wise exercise of power. When our world seems to be coming apart, what is our tendency in exercising our power? How do you need to change the exercise of your power?

Closing Questions:

- A. What did the Holy Spirit TELL YOU during the teaching Sunday?
- B. What did the Spirit tell you to DO about it?
- C. How can we HELP YOU by our prayers and support?