

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

BOLD BEAUTIFUL BRAVE

ESTHER

IN THE FACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Who's who:

- King Xerxes (Ahasuerus)
- Esther
- Mordecai
- Haman

Royal Decree of Death

"...destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews-- young and old, women and little children-- on a single day, the 13th day of the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods."

**"...who knows but that you have come to royal position
for such a time as this?"**

Beautiful Esther - Bold and Brave

MOST PEOPLE _____ ESTHER

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me.

HEAR THE CALL TO GATHER AND CALL ON GOD

Back the _____ God is
doing in the world!

WHAT IS GOD DOING? _____



ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Getting Started

What history or relationships have you had with Jewish people? How do you think it has impacted your view of the people as a whole?

Thinking about Esther

What do you think is the most miraculous “coincidence” in the story of Esther?

Review the sermon together. What stood out to you? What questions did it raise for you?

Thinking about the Bold God is doing

Think about the past 75 years or so. Who might you identify at “Esthers” of our time? People raised up in a prominent way “for such a time as this” and who approached their work for God with the attitude of “if I perish, I perish”?

How did God use these examples? How were they supported by others?

In Ruth’s time the survival of the Jewish people was at stake. In our time, the spreading of the good news of Jesus and the growth of the Church is what God is doing. What is critical and what is bold in this?

Can you identify anything significant that God is doing at or through Emmanuel Reformed Church?

Turning faith into Action

What do you think it looks like to “back the bold God is doing” at ERC?

How can you more actively “back the bold of God” locally and around the world?