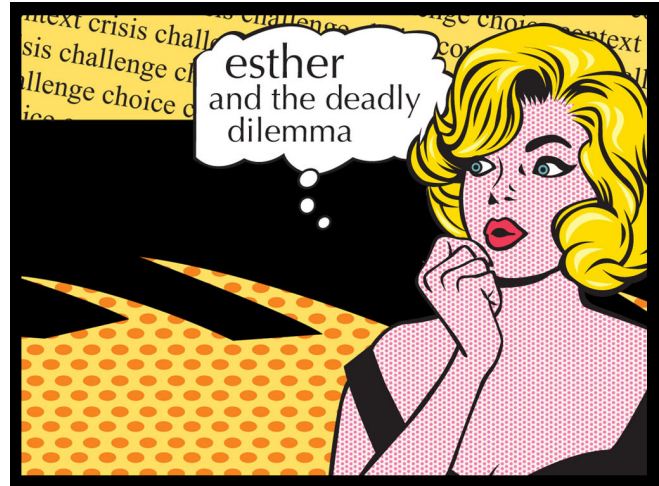


Dinners With A Purpose (DWAP) Esther series edition

The Dinners With A Purpose program is based on a simple idea: gather a group of friends or people you would like to spend an evening with in meaningful conversation, make space for someone you don't know, and make a date to have dinner together. This edition of DWAP is meant to happen during the 5 weeks (or shortly after) of our Esther series (October 30 to November 27 or shortly after).



If you are willing to host a dinner and gather some friends, here is what we do for you:

- we supply a short reading which provides your reflection point and the means to guide your conversation. We ask that you distribute this to your guests ahead of time.
- if you are willing, we will send along someone new to your evening
- we provide a basic outline of how to do this, as you see below

How to Have a Great Evening

- begin your dinner time with a short prayer, including grace
- ask each person to introduce themselves (briefly)
- facilitator's opening remarks
 - purpose – to exchange thoughts, deepen our engagement with the current teaching series, and get to know each other better
 - disagreement is OK (we're not trying to come to one right answer but sharing our lives and perspectives)
 - don't put pressure on yourself to be profound
 - when possible, you are encouraged to be personal, not theoretical or conceptual
 - in order to encourage transparent sharing, everything said tonight is confidential and not for attribution at a later date
 - agree on when the evening will be completed
- give each person a pen and a piece of paper and ask them to write down a question or subject matter that comes out of the reading, which they hope will be discussed
- find a short-snapper question related to the reading that each person can answer briefly -- for example, on a scale of one to ten, with "one" being x and "ten" being y, where would you place yourself and why?
- facilitate the discussion for the balance of the evening using the questions suggested at the end of the reading, or any question you find particularly interesting
- facilitating suggestions (being the perfect host)
 - be aware of how much each person is talking – not too much or too little
 - specifically ask for a comment from someone quieter
- this is only one night, and every experience can be meaningful and helpful -- you might make a good friend out of an experience like this