

Small Group Discussion For Esther

A Not From Pastor Lori: Esther is an incredible story that covers 10 chapters. If you have an opportunity, please read Esther before you watch the video. I will do my best to summarize the story, but I promise the 10 chapters go by pretty quickly because it is an amazing story!

Read Chapter 4:9-17

1. Consider a time in your own life when you have taken a risk instead of staying “silent.” What did you have to risk? What did you gain? Was it worth it?
2. In verse 14, Mordecai shows incredible faith and trust in God. How do you think he is able to do this? What can we learn from his faith?
3. The most recognizable part of Esther’s story is found in the second half of verse 14: “Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” When have you felt as if you were in the right place at the right time to do something for God? How can we know what God wants us to do?
4. Chapter 6 is a pivotal point in the story. The King can’t sleep so he has the records of the Kingdom read to him. The King has forgotten that Mordecai saved his life. How do you think it’s possible for the King to forget such an important part of his story?
5. Haman entered the court certain that the King would again allow him to kill Mordecai. When the King starts talking about honoring someone, Haman wrongly assumes the King is speaking about him. Haman also very much struggles with Mordecai’s lack of respect. It seems that pride is a big part of Haman’s downfall. Where have you seen excessive pride in our world and what are its effects?

Wrap up Questions:

6. One of the main points of Esther is that God does not give up on God’s people. How do you see God working and moving in our world?
7. What is it that God is calling you to do in *this* moment?
8. How does the story of Esther enhance your understanding of God, the world, yourself, and others?