



Message Discussion Questions

1/29/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Esther

WEEK:#3

MESSAGE: This Is Your Time

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Esther 4

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. What's the last courageous thing you have done? What made it courageous to you?
2. How do you define 'courage?' How has that definition changed over the years for you?
3. Read Esther 4:1-8. What is Mordecai's response to the edict that has been passed? What is Esther's initial response?
4. Read Esther 4:9-17. What difficulties does Esther identify in Mordecai's plan? What are some of Mordecai's arguments that determine Esther's decision to go before the king?
5. What are some of the steps Esther makes as she launches on this courageous mission? Her courage can give us a model to follow in approaching a difficult task. Describe a time that you had to face a hostile audience, or confront a friend or family member about a delicate subject or a change that needed to be made.
6. How does following Jesus require courage of us? When have you specifically needed courage to follow Jesus lately?
7. "For such a time as this" is a famous phrase from the book of Esther. How are we tempted to see this as a moment in time and not a life perspective? What difference does it make when we see every moment as 'for such a time as this'?
8. "God uses imperfect people to accomplish his perfect will." How would you illustrate the truth of this statement from your own life experience?
9. How often do you **pray** for courage? What would be transformed in your life if you lived with courage every moment?
10. What helps you **practice** courage? What kind of disciplines can you develop to grow in your courage?
11. How has another's courage encouraged you to make a tough decision, or stand firm in your faith? How can you live a life that **produces** boldness and courage in others?

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

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