

I. TEACHING NOTES

OPENING THOUGHT

My purpose is to _____ God.

My mission is _____ right now.

Week 1 I am who _____ says I am.

Week 2 Hidden Seasons are not _____ seasons.

Week 3 Core Truth God is forming my _____ before He reveals my assignment.

Point 1 _____ reveals

what is really inside of me.

Esther 3 introduces a contrast between two men:

Haman was driven by _____.

Mordecai was anchored in _____.

Proverbs 22:1

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

One area where God is forming my character right now:

Point 2 Pride Demands _____

Haman wanted people to bow because his identity depended on being _____.

James 4:6

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

Where do I struggle with needing recognition?

Point 3 Integrity Refuses _____

He did not choose convenience over _____.

Proverbs 10:9

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.”

One area where I need to walk in greater integrity:

Point 4 Small _____ Can

Become a Big Problem

What started in his heart became destructive in his

_____.

Luke 16:10

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...”

A small compromise I need to address before it grows:

Point 5 God Develops Who _____

Before What You _____

Galatians 5:22–23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...”

The character trait God is developing in me:

II. REFLECTION

1. Sunday Recap

What stood out to me most from the message:

One truth I need to remember this week:

2. Character Check

Where am I most tempted to compromise?

Where do I care too much about what people think?

What part of my private life needs to better match my public life?

3. Listen to God

“God, what are You saying to me about who I am becoming?”

4. Self-Evaluation

Check any area God may be working on:

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| <input type="radio"/> Humility | <input type="radio"/> Forgiveness |
| <input type="radio"/> Integrity | <input type="radio"/> Faithfulness |
| <input type="radio"/> Patience | <input type="radio"/> Purity |
| <input type="radio"/> Self-control | <input type="radio"/> Consistency |
| <input type="radio"/> Courage | <input type="radio"/> Other: |
| <input type="radio"/> Honesty | _____ |

III. READING PLAN

Day 1: Esther 3:1–6 + Proverbs 22:1

→ Character matters more than recognition.

Day 2: Daniel 3:1–18

→ Faithfulness sometimes means refusing to bow.

Day 3: Proverbs 10:9 + Psalm 15

→ Integrity brings security.

Day 4: Luke 16:10–13

→ Faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater things.

Day 5: James 4:6–10

→ God gives grace to the humble.

Day 6: Galatians 5:16–25

→ The Spirit forms the character of Christ in us.

IV. TAKE ACTION

Identify one character trait God is developing in you:

“Right now, God is developing _____ in me so that I can _____.”

My 7-Day Intentional Practice

This week I will practice:

Each day I will intentionally:

Prayer

Father, thank You for loving me enough to form me.
Help me care more about character than recognition.
Show me any area of pride, compromise, or inconsistency.
Teach me to walk in integrity when no one is watching.
Shape me into someone who can carry the mission You
have given me.
For such a time as this.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Character Formation

1. Pride vs. Integrity

In Esther 3 we see two very different responses: Haman seeks honor and recognition, while Mordecai remains faithful to his convictions.

What differences stand out to you between these two men?

Which one do you find easier to relate to and why?

Follow-up: Where do you see this same tension in our culture today?

2. Recognition and Approval

Haman's reaction shows how dangerous it can be when our identity depends on what other people think of us.

Why do you think people naturally crave recognition, approval, or validation?

How do you usually respond when you feel overlooked, unappreciated, or unseen?

What would change if your identity was fully rooted in God's approval instead of people's approval?

3. Integrity in Everyday Life

Mordecai chose integrity even when it cost him something. Integrity is often tested in ordinary moments—not just major decisions.

Where is integrity most challenged for you right now? (home, work, relationships, online, private life, etc.)

What does it look like to live the same privately as you do publicly?

4. Small Compromises

Most character failures do not happen all at once—they usually begin with small compromises.

Why do you think “little things” are so easy to justify?

Is there an area where God may be asking you to address a small compromise before it becomes a bigger issue?

What is one area where you need God's help to walk in greater integrity?

5. Becoming Before Doing

This week's theme is not “What am I doing?” but “Who am I becoming?”

What character trait do you think God is developing in you right now?

What is one intentional step you can take this week to cooperate with what God is forming in you?

WEEK 3 DECLARATION

“I am who God says I am.

God sees me in the hidden season.

God is forming my character for my calling.”

NOTES
