



Community Group Discussion Guide

"Courage to Speak for the Voiceless" – Esther 3:12-4:16

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Main thought:

We can grow in courage to speak for the voiceless by recognizing the need, discerning God's call, and choosing to act despite the cost.

Ice-Breaker

- What's a time when someone stood up for you or had your back when you really needed it? (It could be something serious or something funny.)

Questions

1. What stood out to you from the message or the story of Esther?
2. Esther faced a choice between protecting her own security and speaking up for her people. Why do you think it's sometimes easier to recognize injustice or mistreatment than to actually do something about it? What fears tend to keep us silent?
3. Mordecai challenged Esther with the words, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). How has God uniquely positioned you, or how might He be positioning you, through your relationships, experiences, abilities, or opportunities to make a difference in someone else's life?
4. One of the takeaways from the message was that we need to see the voiceless. Who are some people in our world today who are easily overlooked, mistreated, or unable to defend themselves? Why do you think we sometimes fail to notice them?
5. Not every need is necessarily our calling. How can we discern when God might be calling us to respond to a particular need? What role do our passions, experiences, abilities, and circumstances play in recognizing those opportunities?
6. In Esther's story, Mordecai spoke to Esther, Esther spoke to the king, and the Jewish community gathered to fast and seek God's help. What does this teach us about the different ways God can use our voices and influence to make a difference? How can we recognize the role He may be calling us to play?
7. Close by praying that God would give your group eyes to see those who are overlooked, wisdom to recognize where He's positioned you, and courage to act when opportunities arise.

Prayer for the Arnold family: Take some time to pray for the Arnold family serving the overlooked and unreached Tepehuan people living in Mexico.