

The Heart of the Matter

12. In what desperate situations have you found yourself in over the years? How did God use other people to intervene on your behalf?

13. Who do you identify with the most: Esther? Mordecai? Hathach? The Jews? The king? How so?

14. Like Esther where do you need to be bold for the cause of Christ? What might God be calling you to do for His Kingdom?

15. Have you fasted over anything before in your life? How did God use that time for you? What circumstance are you going through right now over which you might need to fast?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

For Such A Time As This
Esther 4:1-17
For the Week of November 1, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When have you ever cried your eyes out? Over what issue, hurt, or loss?
3. In your family who displays the most emotions? Who is the most stoic? Who is the most even-keeled?

Digging Deeper

4. Up to this point in the book of Esther what has already transpired? Who are the players? And what is at stake?

5. In verses 1-3 why are Mordecai and all of God's people so mortified? How would this outcry have been culturally acceptable then? How about now?

6. As this chapter unfolds in verse 4 what options are open to Esther as queen as she hears the news? As a Jew? At what cost?

7. How would you describe the tension that builds in this passage from verses 5-11? How desperate of a situation is this? What kinds of desperate situations are we dealing with in our time?

8. From verses 12-14 what direction does Mordecai encourage Esther to follow? What is Mordecai's ultimate appeal to her at the end of verse 14? Who ultimately is standing behind all that is taking place in this desperate situation?

9. In verses 15-16 what option does Esther finally settle on? What hope does she have for success? What else is she feeling? What does the phrase "for such a time as this" mean?

10. What does fasting involve? How might this act of submission and humility be used to make any difference in this situation?

11. Why do you think Mordecai would break his silence about who Esther is? If she remains silent, what hope is there?