



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 19th March 2023

Esther Ch. 4-5:2 – The Test



Warm Up

What was the hardest exam you had to sit? What is the most challenging thing you have done? Did you succeed/pass or not? How did it impact your life?

Background and context

The weak king, Xerxes, under the influence of the evil Haman, decrees that all Jews will be executed on a particular day in the future. Mordecai persuades Esther to take action and speak to the king, despite it meaning she could be killed!

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

Read Esther CH.4 –5:2

1. Esther seems reluctant to make a stand for her people, why might this be?
2. Mordecai believes the Jews will survive (v14), so why is he encouraging her to risk her life?
3. Esther's salvation depends upon her taking a risk with her life, How and why is it different for us today?
4. Why did Esther change her mind? How did Esther prepare for her test?
5. In **Luke 24**, Jesus explains to the two disciples how all the scriptures point to Him. How does this chapter point us to Jesus?
6. When we read scripture through the lens of Jesus, what difference does it make to our understanding?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

7. How have you been tempted, like Esther, to remain quiet rather than speak out?
8. What do we fear losing if we speak out Biblical truths? What do we gain?
9. What are the "treasures in heaven" that we should be storing up and taking with us in our spiritual life?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.