

THIS IS MY BIBLE
The Book of Esther
Life Group Questions

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever studied the Book of Esther before? Is this a new story to you? Complete the following sentence: The most courageous thing I've done recently is?

2. Discuss a time when you found yourself in a situation where you felt you needed to make a difference.

DIGGING DEEPER

Discuss the situation surrounding Queen Vashti (chapter 1). Why do you think she refused her husband's wishes? What does her decision say about the type of woman she was?

2. Mordecai and Esther hide their identities (as Jews) from the king. Why do you believe they did this?

3. In chapter 3 we learn about Haman. What is your opinion about him?

4. In Chapter 4, we see that Esther is confronted with a huge decision. How did her faith help her make that decision? What role does our faith play in our decision-making?

5. Has keeping a secret or maintaining a loyalty with someone ever put you in a dilemma? If so, how did you decide what to do?

6. Notice Mordecai's speech in 4:12-14. What stands out to you about Mordecai's faith?

7. Even though God is not mentioned in the book, where do you see God's intervention and providence being worked out?

8. Consider the influence of individuals like Esther, Mordecai, and King Xerxes' decisions on the fate of the Jewish people. How does this highlight the power of individual actions and leadership?

9. Discuss the themes of justice and retribution in the story, particularly in the downfall of Haman and the salvation of the Jews. How does the concept of divine justice play out in Esther's narrative?

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

When and where have you experienced God's intervention in a way you never expected?

2. What lessons can we learn from the story of Esther that are relevant to our lives today? How can we apply the principles of courage, faithfulness, and reliance on God in our own contexts?