



## The Gospel in the Life of Esther

### Discussion Questions

**Date:** August 9, 2020 | **Scripture:** Esther 4:1-17

1. Read Esther 4:1-17. What stands out to you?
2. This passage describes a turning point in Esther's life. Turning points can be dramatic, but they also come in quieter, smaller moments. Reflect on your own story. Can you think of past turning points in your relationship with Jesus? When did you have opportunity to choose Christ over comfort?
3. Esther raises three objections to Mordecai's request that she go and see the king. The objections are based in her perceived weakness, inadequacy, and past failure. Think about your relationship with God. Which of these objections are you most likely to raise to avoid intimacy with Jesus?
4. Before we can be like Esther, we must be saved by a greater Esther. Because of Jesus's obedience on our behalf, we are empowered to move forward in grace. Where is Jesus calling you to identify with and sacrifice for him? Think concretely! In family, at work, in school...
5. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Apply the gospel as explained in these verses to your common objections that you discussed in question 3.
6. This week, how will you step into the grace that Jesus has won for you? Think specifically of how you might stir others up to love and good works – what does this look like? Where is God calling you to follow him right now and what is he calling you to do?

#### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Leviticus 16:1-28
- 1 Kings 8:1-11
- Psalms 65
- Matthew 27:45-54
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Hebrews 10:19-25

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