



The Gospel in the Life of Esther

Discussion Questions

Date: August 30, 2020 | **Scripture:** Esther 9:20-10:3

1. Read Esther 9:20-10:3. What stands out to you?
2. Look at Esther 9:26-28. How did the Jewish people commit themselves to celebration? What were the concrete things that they did?
3. Why was resting and celebrating through the feast of Purim important in the story? Why is rest and celebration important for us today?
4. What makes rest and celebration difficult for you? Think specifically of times or seasons that you've not rested well, or when celebration seems like a distant concept. What caused that?
5. Read Matthew 11:28-30 and Romans 8:34-39. These passages sum up the Christian call to rest and celebrate. Spend some time sharing together memories of God's faithfulness. Think of both biblical and personal reasons to celebrate God's goodness.
6. How can you create rhythms of rest and celebration in your life? In your family or household's life?
7. In the sermon, three steps were mentioned: Relax, replenish, remember. What might these look like for you? Choose one thing to do this week to celebrate God's goodness. Follow through and hold each other accountable in doing this!

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

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

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:1-3
- Exodus 13:3-16
- Exodus 20:8-11
- Psalms 98
- Matthew 11:38-30
- Romans 8:34-39

Listen to the Esther worship playlist on Spotify

Reach out if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our website.