

Small Group Discussion

Who is walking with you?: Mordecai and Esther

Esther 4

Getting Started

- When was there a situation that you had been praying for a long time and when God revealed his plan/desires it was not what you expected and/or wanted? How did you respond?

Static Questions

- **What was the passage about?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.
- **What did you learn?**
 - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
 - What is the big idea of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **How will you apply it?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- How would you say our culture views grieving and acknowledging need? Do you think this is healthy or not? What are the benefits from allowing ourselves to grieve and acknowledge need?
- What are ways we seek God's plan? Are there things that have been helpful for you in discerning between His will and yours? (That is if they are in conflict with one another).
- What did you think of the statement "Sometimes I would make a decision require as little faith as possible before I would move forward in obedience" How do we do that at times?
 - What is the balance of living by faith while also using the good senses God gives us?

Application Questions

- Do you have a Mordecai in your life who will call you out of your comfort zone? If not, who could you ask to be?
- Pray over Psalm 138:1 "On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased"

