



Life Group Discussion Guide

WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

Esther 1-2

Stuart Jones - February 4, 2018

ESTHER
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

INTRODUCTION

We've all seen a coach signal for a timeout and gather his team around for instructions. Almost every time there's at least one player gazing away from the huddle to something up in the crowd, paying no attention to the coach.

To successfully navigate life, we must focus on who is talking and what they are saying. In Esther 1 and 2 we see how listening to the wrong people caused the king to make decisions he would regret and how Esther shut down a threat on his life by staying attached to the right people and listening to them.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. When you are in a very difficult situation or scenario, who do you bring into your inner circle to give guidance and counsel as to what is the best next step to take? Why him, her or them?
2. Why is it vitally important to have these people in our lives?

EVALUATE IT

1. Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God. What might the author be communicating through this interesting omission?
2. Read Esther 1 & 2. What is the "Road of Foolishness" that Xerxes goes down? What led to this mess?
3. Stuart said, "I am convinced and deeply believe that Christianity is not a solo sport; it's a team sport." Why is Christianity not a solo sport? Why do we need others?
4. Early on in this story what role do you see Mordecai playing in Esther's life? Why is he so important to her? Have you ever been a "Mordecai" to someone? Tell the group.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Answer the question Stuart asked multiple times, "Who are you listening to?" Who has your attention the most? Is their input good for you? Why or why not?
2. How are you going to go about selecting your inner circle of people to listen to? Who are those people in your life? Do they know they're that valuable to you?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"God is rarely conspicuous, but always involved in the details of your life."

- Jeff Kinkade



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