

Esther Part 5: (Leadership Guide)

1. Ask someone to briefly summarize/Any questions about anything you heard tonight? (Encourage your group by leading with any of your own questions and how they might be answered)
2. Are you friends with someone who is completely opposite from you? If so, why are you still friends? (Allow the students to drive the stories. If needed, tell your own to get it started)
3. What part of the story did you find most surprising? (Again, let the students drive this. If conversation is slow to start, begin with your own response.)
4. Why do you think people strive to be first in all they do, even to the point of disadvantaging others? (Note what others are saying. Ask follow up questions about if they've ever seen or experienced this? Was it worth it seeing them work out like that?)
5. Jesus says in Mark 8:36 that if it costs you your soul, integrity, character, that it's never worth it. How can we make sure that guard against wanting something so bade that it causes us our integrity, character, and potentially, soul? (Accountability: Like Mordecai for Esther. Faith in God: Like Esther had as a Jew. Etc...)

End

Resolve (Any more questions or things to clarify?)

Restate (Summarize the main points for them in 3 statements or less)

Respond (Pray for them)

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