

FUSION Q's... Esther Part 1: Finding Yourself in God's Plan

Discussion Theme: Be prepared (25-35 minutes)

1. Theme Question for discussion...

- ☆ Can you look back on your life and see how God has prepared you for a task that he has given you?

2. Read Esther 2:1-13

3. Discussing the text

Leader's Heads up: note how much preparation it took for Esther to become queen.

- ☆ Why was a search made for all the beautiful women in the kingdom?
- ☆ What type of preparations needed to be made before the girls could see the king?
- ☆ What did Esther receive because Hegai was pleased?
- ☆ Why did Esther keep her Jewish heritage a secret?

4. Redirection

- ☆ God does not waste training or experience. He has created each of us for a purpose and he has a plan for each person who is willing to let him take over. The best part is that he knows what he is doing (that's why he gets to be God!), so we can completely trust that his way is best. The problem is that most of us get so caught up in the preparation or so focused on the plan that we lose sight of the fact that God is using it to prepare us for something else. That something could be tomorrow or it could be 20 years from now. Only God knows.

5. Digging Deeper

Leader's key thought: we often do not see where God is taking us until after we arrive - fully prepared!

- ☆ List some ways that God prepares us for future tasks.
- ☆ What can you do to be better prepared for what God has for you?
- ☆ What can you do if you are unsure of God's plan?
- ☆ How can you use your talents and abilities to serve God today?