

FUSION Q's... Esther Part 3: For Such a Time As This

Discussion Theme: Be prepared

Purpose of Discussion: to recognize the situations in which God has placed you to do his will and commit to acting with courage and integrity in those situations.

1. Theme Question for Discussion

- ☆ Have you ever wondered whether God makes mistakes when he makes people? Is this possible?

2. Read Esther 4:10-17

3. Discussing the text

- ☆ Why was Mordecai asking Queen Esther to go before the king?
- ☆ What was Esther's initial response?
- ☆ How did Mordecai respond to Esther's hesitancy?
- ☆ What was Esther's final decision?

4. Redirection

Sometimes life throws things at us that we were not expecting. Esther was just living her life without any big problems until Mordecai's message forced her into a situation where she had to decide whether to take a risk or ignore the warning and disruption to her every day life.

This is something God does on a regular basis... he asks us to take risks for him. God wants you to take the risks because he knows that trying to "play it safe" will actually hurt you. The big question is, how will you respond to God when he disrupts your life and ask you to risk something for him?

5. Digging Deeper

*****Leader's key thought:** these questions are meant to help students understand that they are not mistakes - God has shaped them and has

put them in the places they find themselves because he wants them to live their lives for him.

- ☆ What stuck out to you tonight from today's talk?
- ☆ Mordecai says that "deliverance and relief" would come from somewhere else if Esther did not act. What does this statement tell us about who God is?
- ☆ How does believing that God loves you, accepts you and wants the best for you differ from just knowing these truths?
- ☆ Most of us are involved in many things. How can you determine whether the dreams you have and the things that are filling your life are the things that God desires for you? Or do you care?
- ☆ Perhaps God has given you the skills and passions you have "for such a time as this". In other words, what would it look like to give all of your hopes, dreams and schedule over to God so that he can use you for his purposes?