

## THE BIG IDEA

- God can get you through the mess you made!

## GET STARTED

- Describe a time in your youth when you made a mess that was beyond your ability to fix.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*How deep do you want to take your Group? Choose from these questions to lead your discussion. HAVE DIFFERENT PEOPLE READ- Get them involved!*

1. Take turns reading Esther 2:1-4. Ben's 1st point was, "When you chase the glory you get the misery." Give an example where you've seen this truth.
2. Despite his glory seeking his servants noticed his depressed mood and surmised what was wrong. What did they begin to propose, which would catch his attention?
3. "If you don't turn to God, you will turn to someone to replace him." In low points where do you turn instead of God? Share honestly.
4. Have one person read vv. 5-9. What are some things that we read of Mordecai's historical and family background?
5. Leaders Read vs. 10-18. Ben posed the question of discussion, Was Esther always a Godly woman? Discuss both sides of this argument.
6. What is the danger of ALWAYS viewing Bible characters as faultless?
7. How does it change you when you realize even if you aren't walking with Jesus as a Christian he is still with you?
8. Ben mentioned that he can even get you through a mess YOU MADE. Can you share an example in your life when this was true?
9. What does it mean that God has to save you before you can save someone else?
10. Share your ideas for a GROUP OUTREACH and decide first step of action.

## FOR FURTHER READING

- Esther's experiences were similar to those of another young person, Joseph. Both were taken from their families and brought into slavery against their will. Like Joseph, she would be one day raised to the palace despite being in such a situation. What were Joseph's conclusions about the providence of God when he was able to look back on the things he had to face, and how can it help us face situations we don't understand (Genesis 45:5-8; 50:20)
- Memory verse: Luke 16:13 - "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."
- Challenge people who have not said verse yet to recite it.
- NEXT WEEK is a new verse!