

## THE BIG IDEA

- Instead of judging ourselves by perfection, look and recognize the progress.

## GET STARTED

- Describe an area or skill that you knew nothing about at one time but now you have made progress and know a lot about.

## 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 4:1-8. It is the death sentence of his people that moves Mordecai to action. Have you ever seen a tragedy wake up someone to live for God?
2. Jews throughout the Persian Empire received word that their day of destruction had been decreed under the wicked supervision of Haman. What was Mordecai's reaction to this edict? How did the other Jews throughout the Empire similarly react to this news (v. 3)?
3. Ben talked a lot about how we grieve, he mentioned the benefit of grieving honestly instead of being fake. WHY aren't we honest with others in tragedy?
4. We see Mordecai really openly stand with God and His people. No longer passive. where are you passive and need to get active?
5. Take turns reading Esther 4:9-17. What bold decision did Esther make (v. 16b)? How did Mordecai respond to Esther's boldness (v. 17)?
6. What are some of the difficult situations that you have faced in your walk with the Lord? What has He taught you through your circumstances and trials? How has He moved you into the place, so you can accomplish His will?
7. What opportunities has God given you today to make progress in your walk with Him?
8. NEXT Sunday is Anniversary Sunday at Guide Church. How can you be BOLD and use this opportunity to change the people close to you?

## FOR FURTHER READING

- Many have died for their faith because they were unwilling to deny God, and boldly accepted His will as supreme. What are some of the ways we see this attitude reflected by the beloved apostle Paul in the New Testament? Acts 20:22-24, 21:13; Philippians 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 2:8-10, 4:6-8
- Memory verse: Esther 4:14 - For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?
- Give people another chance to say the verse.

