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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Esther

Main Idea

The story of Esther is one of divine purpose, bold obedience, and unwavering faith in God's providence. In a time of great political power and cultural pressure, Esther rises from obscurity to a royal position—not for her own comfort, but to fulfill a kingdom assignment “for such a time as this.” Faced with the threat of destruction, she chooses courage over comfort, risking everything to stand for her people. Her journey reminds us that silence can be complicity, and faith sometimes requires sacrificial action. As we begin our discussion, let's reflect on how God may be calling each of us to stand boldly, speak truth, and say “yes” to His purpose—trusting that even when we cannot see it, He is always faithful.

**And who knows whether you have not
attained royalty for such a time as this?**

ESTHER 4:14

Make It Practical

We must not bow to any other “king” but Jesus.

- When we give our allegiance to anything outside of Christ, we compromise our identity and calling.
- Like Mordecai, we are called to stand firm in our faith.
- Esther 3:2; Matthew 4:10

God positions us for purpose in pivotal moments.

- Esther's rise to royalty was not random, it was divine. We have been placed where we are “for such a time as this”: To be a light and to stand for truth.
- Esther 4:14; Matthew 5:16

Faith requires a courageous “yes,” even when it costs us.

- Esther's bold declaration, “If I perish, I perish,” models what it looks like to deny ourselves and trust God's plan, no matter the outcome.
- Esther 4:16; Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 2:13

Talk About It

Are there areas in your life where you may be bowing to something other than Jesus?

- What would it look like to fully surrender your allegiance to Him?

How might God be positioning you “for such a time as this” in your home, workplace, or community?

- What opportunities might you be overlooking because of fear or comfort?

What is holding you back from saying “yes” to God’s assignment for your life?

- How can Esther’s courage inspire you to take the next step in faith, even when it feels risky?

**If we’re not willing to stand for His Kingdom, it’s
because we’re too comfortable sitting in our own.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us through the story of Esther that You have placed each of us in this moment, in this season, for a purpose. Help us to recognize where we’ve been silent or settled into comfort. Give us the courage to stand boldly for Your Kingdom. We say “yes” to whatever assignment You have for us. Strengthen our faith, guide our steps, and remind us that even when we can’t see it, You are always faithful. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Next Steps

Identify and surrender any area of life where you’ve been bowing to something other than Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything competing for your heart and commit to putting Christ first.

Pray about your “for such a time as this” assignment. Reflect on where God has placed you and ask how He wants to use you to make an impact in your current season.

Take a courageous step of obedience this week. Whether it’s speaking up, serving someone, or letting go of comfort, act in faith and trust that God will be faithful in the outcome.