

# messy faith

— FINDING OUR STORY IN ESTHER —

## Life Group Questions: The Making of a Hero

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### Read

Esther 2:17-18

### Reflect

Do you ever wonder why your life doesn't look like one of the stories in the Bible? Sometimes it can actually be discouraging because we begin to wonder why God never seems to speak to us like he did to people back then. But their lives were just as messy as ours. The book of Esther reminds us that God meets us where we are, that he comes into our lives just as they are.

Pastor Greg gave us three lessons from an unlikely hero:

1. Esther reminds us that life is often messier than we thought it would be
  - a. Do you tend to think that God can't use you unless your life is neat and tidy? If it's true that God uses us even in the midst of our mess, how should that change our lives?
  - b. During this series, try reading all the way through the book of Esther at least once.
2. Esther reminds us that there is an unlikely hero in each of us
  - a. God has plans for each one of us and what matters is how we respond to him. We tend to disqualify ourselves; we assume we aren't good enough, talented enough, spiritual enough, etc. Why do you disqualify yourself from serving God? If God wants to use us, who are we to say "no?"
3. Esther reminds us that God is always at work, even when we don't see him
  - a. Looking back on your life, can you think of a time when God was at work, even though you couldn't see him?
  - b. How can we learn to trust God, even when he seems distant or hidden?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

### Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?