

messy faith

FINDING OUR STORY IN ESTHER

Life Group Questions: The Ordinary Extraordinary Life

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Read

Esther 2:5-7, 21-23; 3:1-6

Reflect

Esther and Mordecai never asked to live exciting lives. Chances are that given the choice, they might have preferred their quiet, ordinary lives. We tend to think that people who do extraordinary things must be extraordinary people. The truth is most of those people were regular, everyday people who simply found themselves thrust into circumstances beyond their control. What made them extraordinary was how they reacted to those circumstances; it was how they lived their lives that prepared them to act and respond. Are you living your life in a way that prepares you to do extraordinary things?

Pastor Josh Walters reminded us the ordinary people can live extraordinary lives if they:

1. Do justice
 - a. Mordecai's adoption of Esther was costly, but it was the right thing to do. Justice always costs us something.
Why is it important for us to focus on justice as individuals? As a church?
 - b. What does it mean for you to "do justice" in your everyday life?
2. Love kindness
 - a. Mordecai was merciful when he saved the king's life. The king was not a "good" person, but Mordecai saved him anyway. Why do you think he did that? Are there implications for our own lives?
 - b. How can you "love kindness" in your everyday life?
3. Walk humbly with your God
 - a. One of the things the book of Esther reminds us is our lives are messy. Right and wrong are not always clear. What God expects is for us to follow him as best we can. Why do you think humility is such an important part of our walk with God?
 - b. What would it mean for you to "walk humbly" with God today?

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?