STORYBOARD Discovering Your Story

What does God want you to do?

The Bible Person who was the subject of the Sermon: Esther (Esther 4:1-17)

The Bible Persons to Consider in this study (pick one or more as time permits): Mary (Jesus' mother), Joseph (Jesus' father), Gideon, Naomi, Joshua, Jonah, Abram (Abraham), Saul (Paul), Timothy

Esther (Book of Esther)

A young Jewish woman named, Hadassah who lived in Persia was taken from her guardian, Mordecai and forced to compete for the affection of the king. She was crowned queen and her name was changed to Esther, meaning star.

God's faithfulness and sovereignty are demonstrated through the roller-coaster drama that unfolds in Esther's life (Esther 4).

Esther was of the tribe of Benjamin and lived during the time Israel was exiled. Hadassah (later Esther) was orphaned at an early age when both her parents died. Her cousin Mordecai adopted her. Mordecai loved God and loved Esther.

Esther was said to be not only beautiful, but a woman of honor. Esther kept her heritage a secret (Esther 2:17-18). Esther trusted God and He delivered her.

Week 5

Week 5 Questions

1. What did God want for the Bible Person?

a. Why do you think God wanted it?

- 2. How did God reveal it to the Bible Person?
- 3. How did the Bible Person respond?
- 4. Did the Bible Person want what God wanted?
 - a. If not, how did the Bible Person handle it?
 - b. How did it turn out?
- 5. What do you think God wants you to do?

6. How do you even go about asking yourself this?

a. Ask a family member, a friend, someone from church, Pastor Mike, some other person of faith.

b. What is going on in your life right now?

c. What do you think God has brought into your life recently?

d. What did you ask for years ago that you had forgotten about?

e. What have you not asked for, but has presented itself to you in your life?

f. Is there something or someone challenging you in your life right now?

- 7. Ask another person (family member, friend, friend from church, co-worker) what s/he thinks God wants you to do.
- 8. Is what you hear in what God wants you to do in line with His character, His ways, The Bible?

9. Consider this question not as "big assignment," but rather, what does God want you to do right now, in the immediacy, this week/month. And challenge yourself to obey immediately, in the moment. It doesn't have to be "big" or significant thing/act. It will likely be in the small things, which incrementally increase and evolve with time.

Read Esther's story in the Book of Ruth (it's a short Book with only four chapters). Esther was asked to do things in small increments that ultimately led to the saving of thousands of Jewish lives!

10. For later consideration: What did God reveal to you after you asked?

Stay on "the lookout" for a display of God's character and characteristics this week.

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