



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Trust the Lord with Everything

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Scripture: Book of Esther

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When you reflect on your childhood, how did family either help or hinder your ability to trust God?

1. READ Esther 2:7-11. How do we know that Mordecai made a good dad for Esther?
2. READ 2:12-18. How do you react to this whole process of the king choosing his next queen?
3. Along with Esther's natural beauty, what else helps her become queen? Any insights or applications from this?
4. What does Psalm 139: 14 teach about how we should view ourselves?
5. READ John 9:1-3. What is God's intent for each person He creates? How does this push back against misunderstandings surrounding special needs or limitations?
6. When it comes to physical appearance, why do you think people and God tend to have such a different perception of what really matters? How can we adjust our thinking to be more in line with God's?
7. READ Esther 4:6-16. What points does Mordecai make when he challenges Esther?
8. What do you think of her response? What was essential for her to accept?
9. Have you had any "such a time as this" moments in your life?
10. READ Esther 5:1-3. What does the outcome say about fasting (and prayer)?
11. READ 6:1-11. How do we see God orchestrating the details? What makes this turn of events so ironic?
12. READ 7:1-10. Again we see the Lord arranging the details and reactions just as He intends to protect His people and even bless them. What impresses you the most in how God turns this story from potentially very bad to ultimately very good?
13. Can you think of a time in which God lined up the specific details in your own life in an extraordinary way? How did that influence your trust in Him?
14. Why does so much in life ultimately come down to the simple command in John 14:1?
15. Any final thoughts on what Esther might say if she were to be your mentor for a moment?