Small Group Discussion Notes

Esther- Week 5

Even When I Don't See It…You're Working

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Warm Up

If you could ask any character in the book of Esther a question, who would the character be, and what would you ask them?

Digging Deeper

Use Inductive Bible study this week as you study Esther 6:1-14.

1. Observe – What do you notice in the text…What is the context? What is happening? Who are the characters? What ideas or words are being repeated? Spend time asking these types of questions.
2. Interpret – What is being said in the text…What is being communicated? Why is this passage important? What is the meaning of this passage? Take time to ask questions that go beyond observation and dig deeper into the text.
3. Apply – What do I do with this information…How does this impact my life? How does this impact my understanding of who God is? What can I take from this text and apply to my daily circumstances? Ask questions that get personal and help you apply what you have learned.

Read Esther 6:1-14

What details about the events in chapter 6 do you wish you had greater clarity on?

Put yourselves in the shoes of King Xerxes, Haman, and Mordecai. Considering all that has happened up to this point, what are you thinking and feeling as these new events unfold?

Which character in this chapter can you most closely identify with?

What other stories in scripture show God working behind the scenes in beautiful and unexpected ways?

Next Steps

When are you most aware of God at work in your life?

What keeps you trusting in God when he doesn't seem to be present in a particular situation?

How does it feel to know that God can work through ordinary events to bring about his purposes? How does an awareness of this truth impact the way you go about your daily life?

Final Thoughts

Take a few moments to individually and silently reflect on how God has shown himself to be faithful in unexpected ways.