

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## For Such a Time as This

**Week 2: Our Mission**  
**Esther 2:7-20**

**Week of November 1, 2020**  
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Though God is never mentioned in the Book of Esther, His invisible hand of providence can be seen on every page. One of the Lord's favorite ways to act providentially is to work through His people. God showed up for Esther by working through a man named Mordecai. Mordecai exemplifies how God wants to work through us as well.

**Kicking it off:** Share something that you like about November.

### Discussion:

1. Reread *Esther 2:7* Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah (Esther), whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother.

What practical ways do you imagine Mordecai showed love to Esther?

2. Reread *1 John 4:12* No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

Can you think of a time that God showed His love to you through one of His people?

3. Reread *Esther 2:11* Every day Mordecai walked back and forth near the courtyard of the harem to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her.

How do you imagine Mordecai's daily walk "near the courtyard" impacted Esther emotionally?

4. Reread *2 Corinthians 1:4* We can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we receive from God.

Have you ever seen this verse happening in your life? If so, tell the group about it.

5. Reread *Esther 2:19-20* Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, but Esther kept secret her family background and nationality just as Mordecai had told her to do. Esther continued to follow Mordecai's instructions as she had done when he was bringing her up.

Esther valued Mordecai's wisdom. Whose wisdom do you value?

6. Reread *1 Peter 4:11* If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

Some Christians offer "prophetic" messages to others in a weird and creepy way that tends to turn the hearer off. How would you advise someone wanting to share a message from the Lord in a more normal and effective way?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would use you to bring His love, comfort and wisdom to a needy world.