

When Purpose Hides- Week 4

Life is shifting, disorienting, confusing. It's not what you expected. So what do we do when purpose hides?

Conversation Starter: Pick one of the questions below to get started-

- Describe a time you've experienced buyer's remorse.
- Would you rather reverse one decision you make every day or be able to stop time for 10 seconds every day and why?

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: What is a significant transition in your life that you've questioned?

- **Read Esther 4:16-5:4**

Question 2: Why do we worry so much about the future instead of focusing where we are today? What do we risk missing when we obsess over the future rather than being present in our meantime moments?

Question 3: When Esther found herself in the gap, she prayed. How do you struggle to take your worries to God when life gets hard, and our plans don't meet our expectations.

Question 4: Esther didn't sit idle in the meantime, she prepared. In what ways is it easy to get stuck during our meantime moments?

Question 5: What could preparing look like for you in this season of your life?

Question 6: Esther proceeded into the future, trusting God and taking her next step. What step has God been prompting you to act on recently? How can you work on listening to God and do what he says this week?

Next Steps:

- **Act on one of the three P's-** Look for opportunities this week pray (have a conversation with God), Prepare (choose not to sit idle but do what you can right now), Proceed (take your next step with confidence! We're here to help! Contact us using [the form on this page](#)).
- **Commit it to memory:** In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Paul, a man who was no stranger to tough circumstances, reminds us that our troubles are light and momentary compared to eternity. Write out that verse this week and commit to memorizing it. When problems strike, it will help you keep perspective!

Prayer:

God thank you for Esther's example. Please help us not to get so focused on the future that we miss what you are doing right here, right now. Help us to seek you and step out in faith, believing that you love us and will be there to support us no matter what circumstance we may find ourselves.