

CONFIDENT



Confidence In Calling | Esther 4

1. Skim through chapters 1-3 to be reminded of the story of Esther before reading chapter 4
2. Even though God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, share some examples of where you see God's providence and intervention being worked out.
3. How does knowing God is sovereign and at work encourage you? How can you apply this knowledge to your own situation?
4. Read 4:12-14 What stands out to you about Mordecai's faith?
5. What excuses did Esther voice to Mordecai? What enabled Esther to cooperate with God at that all important moment?
6. What excuses and struggles might surface as you think about following in obedience to God's calling? What can we learn from Esther's response?
7. Think of individuals, famous or not, who have responded to a 'such a time as this' moment. Discuss whether every Christian has a special calling or just some. What do we mean by calling?
8. How did Esther reach out to others before she responded? Who do you share your faith journey with? Where do you go for spiritual counsel and wisdom?
9. Read Ephesians 2:10 and 4:1 discuss the tension between God's sovereignty and our responsibility to stand up and be obedient. How does the story of Esther demonstrate this tension? How does this help us to bravely obey?
10. Pray for confidence to live out and bravely obey God's calling today.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

