

Based on a True Story: Ester

June 25-26, 2016

Community:

1. Last week you were asked to write down the Bible verse from 1 Corinthians 12:9-10—reminding yourself throughout the week that *“God’s grace is the only thing that is enough”*. Did you notice anything different about your week from doing this? Explain.
2. In the story of Esther there is no mention of God, yet as we read it, we can see He is all throughout Esther’s story. Have you ever had thoughts that God was absent from your life? Have you been able to look back and see that God was with you?

Core:

1. How is it possible that, even though there is no mention of God in the story of Esther, God is still the main character?
2. **Read Esther 4:13-16.** Have you ever done anything that was against the law—because it was the right thing to do? What was the situation and what did you do?
3. **Read Esther 6:1-14.** Even though God isn’t mentioned in this section, where do you see Him working in this part of Esther’s story?
4. Much like Esther and Mordecai, have you ever had a time where you stopped and said, *“This is my life. What am I going to do with it from now on?”* Explain.
5. All of the stories from this series; Jonah, Joseph, David and Goliath, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Samson, and Esther have all shown that if God wants to do something...He’s going to do it! So how does this truth give you hope? How have you seen God use you (and your life situations) so far?

Challenge:

Read Esther 4:14. How has your past shaped you for *“such a time as this”*? Write down Romans 8:28 and set a reminder at least once a day to read this verse. Focus this week on where God is using all of the things in your life for good, and if you notice any of these, write them down.