



# Guide

5/10 - The Story of Esther

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week? Any new life updates? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Practically, is there any individual or family that needs encouragement from us a group?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

- Tonight, let's do something different. It's not that often that we have the opportunity to just read the Bible together in larger sections. Esther is one of those books that is very engaging and can be read in about 30 minutes.
- Let's read the book together (Maybe each person reading a chapter —Don't worry about mispronouncing words or names...we will help each other get through it)
- Pause for discussion where you feel it necessary. When you wrap up, use the few questions below to spur conversation.

1. Have you ever read the book of Esther in one sitting before? How was it?
2. The Bible is full of practices of remembrance. How does this story and the feast of Purim support that theme?
3. Why do you think this book is so valuable in the canon of Scripture?
4. What is your one takeaway from this story? Anything else you would like to share?

[Parents: Have you read/shared this story with your kids? Do you feel more comfortable with this text now that you have spent some time with it?]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to practice sharing the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group, generally? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.