



Revealed: Esther - Rendi Scholten

Icebreaker:

1. What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?
2. Would you rather spend a weekend in a tropical paradise or a snow haven?

Summary:

“God uses challenges to create opportunities”. Throughout the story of Esther, even though God is not mentioned a single time, we can see God’s handprint in everything. We can see how he put Esther and even Mordecai in specific places for such a time as this. He uses every challenge they face to create opportunities for them to step out of their fear, be courageous and take the opportunity before them to save God’s chosen people, the Jews. How does God use your challenges to create opportunities to arrange and carry out His divine plan?

Engage the Bible:

Esther 4:1-17 - Read as a group. Underline some key words / phrases that stick out to you. How do you think you may or may not connect with Esther, Mordecai, or even King Xerxes/Haman?

Small Group Questions:

- Do you feel as if God’s plans and yours do not match up?
- Have you had times where you felt God was absent?
- How well do you think you surround yourself with Godly people who can guide you with wise counsel?
- Rather than seeing the opportunities you wish you had, can you see God using challenges to create opportunities right here and now? If so, what is holding you back or preventing you from seizing the opportunity? If not, what is the barrier?