

Bible Summary

Homesick-Esther Risk

The story of Esther is a beautiful example of a rags to riches story that culminates in her willingness to both risk her life and expose her identity to save the nation. Followers of Jesus will be called to risk for His name. We need to look at our positions in culture as bank accounts to spend for our King. We need to so grasp forgiveness that we will remove our masks and expose our own broken identities for the salvation of others.

Scriptures: Esther 1-4; Romans 1:16; Psalm 32, 51, 55; Romans 8:35-38

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Esther adopted the name of a pagan goddess to hide her identity as a despised minority in exile. As Christians, in what ways do we do the same thing?
3. Does a palace in exile have joy?
4. As a queen, what was Esther risking by standing up for her people?
5. Matt said, "very little of eternal importance happens without risk."
 - a. As followers of Jesus how are we called to risk for God's name?
 - b. What role does faith play in that?
6. Taking risks in faith is an act of obedience to God.
 - a. What are the things that keep us from heeding the call to obedience?
 - b. How can we overcome those challenges?
7. God has placed each of us in positions for "such a time as this." Specifically for you, what does that position look like? How can we partner with you in prayer and fasting?