

**LifeGroup Questions**  
**Life's Too Short to Follow the Crowd**  
**Esther**

1. Dan said that "Christ's call is rarely heard in the flow of the crowd." What are some of the ways that we/I get caught up in the flow of the crowd? Have there been times when I have allowed the crowd to shape my identity or destiny?
  
2. When John Stott was asked for some general principles for being whole-hearted followers of Christ regardless of the culture in which we find ourselves, he responded, "Be Different." What are some scriptures that support that principle? What are the ways in which we should be "more" different from the "crowd" than we currently are?
  
3. Dan said, "Loving like Jesus will often cause you to go against the flow of the crowd?" Have you ever experienced that?
  
4. Read the story of Esther. Put yourself in either Esther's or Mordecai's place. What are your thoughts/emotions? What are your prayers? What would you do?
  
5. Esther 2:12-14 reminded us of the element of preparation, (routine faithfulness over time). What are some of the ways that God has been in the process of preparing you?
  
6. Reread Esther 4:13-16. Esther's response reminds me of Daniel's three friends when they were ordered to bow down to the idol in the field. "Our God can deliver us but even if he doesn't, we will not bow down." Esther said, "I will go into the King, if I must die, so be it." Have you ever done what was right without knowing the price you would pay? What motivates that kind of response?
  
7. Who is your Mordecai? Have you ever had the opportunity to be someone else's Mordecai?
  
8. How is God calling you to lean into what you are hearing and learning?