

November 14/17, 2024 Esther 9:20-10:3

Connect

Share a meal. Play a game. Ask an icebreaker question. Follow up on the past week's events or prayer requests.

Grow

- 1. One of our reflective questions from last week's practice was, "How can you rest in His goodness and care this week?" Did anyone practice a new rhythm of rest or Sabbath last week? Can you share your experience?
- 2. What from God's word was meaningful to you over this past week?

Share

- 3. Read Esther 9:20-10:3. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon? What was most impactful to you in this series?
- 4. We end this book with a call to "Remember, not forget" as the Israelites of old were commanded to do throughout time. As you reflect on this entire series, how did you see the hidden hand of God both in this book and your life? What can you do to regularly remember, not forget, the faithfulness of God in your life?
- 5. A huge theme of this book is to see courage and risk in the face of evil, to stand for the things of God and His people. Can you share about a time when you stood, in courage and wisdom, for the things of God? Or in what ways do you anticipate in the days ahead to grow (in courage and wisdom) as a Christian who shines his/her light in the darkness of the world around us?
- 6. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. As holidays approach and most groups pause on the weekly meeting together until after the new year, what ways can you as a group commit to "stirring each other up in love and good works"? How will you as a group keep regular rhythms of reading God's word, prayer, worship, serving, etc. over these next few weeks?
- 7. "What is celebrated is cultivated" Consider what you want to cultivate in your life and life group over this next season. What are some ways you can begin to celebrate what you want to cultivate in your life?



Practice

Plan & prepare for Friendsgiving! Celebration is a big theme of this week's passage, we want to enjoy the goodness of God with feasting. Next week we will send this Friendsgiving guide as our life group guide, but if you'd like to plan ahead of time you can see that here: <u>Friendsgiving Guide</u>.

And coming up, our Advent Guide! Advent will be emailed out Friday 11/29. While we know groups tend to break during the month of December, this guide can keep you in the rhythm of abiding daily and participating in some practices and experiences during Advent.