CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Describe a time in your life when you didn't know or understand what God was doing.
- What musical artist have you been listening to recently?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to have crazy faith? Luckily, the Bible is full of examples of humans putting their trust in God and watching him do incredible things. Esther is an interesting example because God is never mentioned in her story. But her faith in who he is and what he is doing when she can't see it is clear. Esther is going to show us how to have crazy faith when it seems uncertain what God is doing.

Take time to pray and ask the Spirit to use Esther's story to increase your faith.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Esther 4

DISCUSS:

- What do you know about the story of Esther?
- Esther is the only book in the bible that doesn't mention God. What do you think the author is trying to communicate through this omission?
- How do you think Esther would be thinking or feeling after hearing the news about Haman wanting to destroy the Jews?
- What do you think Mordecai means by his question in verse 14?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- What does risk taking faith look like for you when you are uncertain of what God is doing?
- Jesus is the greater Esther because he not only risked his life, but actually gave it up for our sake. This gives us assurance that God's disposition is always for us because we can see the lengths he is willing to go to

show us who he is and what he is like. How does this truth give you courage for the next time you don't know exactly what he is doing?

PRAY

Praise Jesus for being greater than Esther in that he not only risked his life, but gave it up for us. Pray that the Spirit would give you a faith in God when what he is doing is hard to discern.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?