

'Choose your own adventure (...sort of)'

Esther

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Often, the wisdom of the choices we make results from the initial posture we take. Read Proverbs 19:20 & James 1:5 and discuss.

The story of Esther (read it if you haven't lately) demonstrates that God is both in control over the developments of life and also involved in the specifics, allowing us choices in our involvement. Mordecai's question (4:14b) has a sense of prophecy to it, as the ultimate answer to his question ('Who knows...') is God.

Applying

Reading chapter 2 of Esther, even though the Jewish people found themselves in captivity, they still chose to strategically engage in the culture and God providentially used their involvement to bring about his will. Discuss the opportunities and challenges we face today in choosing to engage in our culture (or not).

What choices are you facing today? How can our group counsel, support, and pray for discernment?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?
What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?