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BIBLE PASSAGES

Esther 5:1 On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. **2** And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.**3** And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." **4** And Esther said, "If it please the king, and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king."

John 16:31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

Name something that you are excited to plant this Spring and why?

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Pray for the plans that the person to your left has made for the Spring and Summer.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight

What was your prayer that you wrote down when Pastor Bryce asked about "what required the most faith" from Sunday?

- 1. What are the faith habits that come the hardest for you?
- 2. Discuss the reasons for why faith habits are important?
- 3. What are some faith habits that you currently do that could prepare you for harder times?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

How could Jesus' words in John 16 motivate believers today?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

Thank God for His working behind the scenes in our lives this week, and for helping us develop habits that will grow greater faith.

KEY TAKEAWAYS