



Last week we began a new series called "Life on Purpose," where we are studying the life of Esther and how she lived a life of purpose before God. Last week we talked about how we're molded by the relationships in our lives. Today, the title of our study is "Matured for Moments." We can all look back at moments in our past that we didn't necessarily enjoy, but now, we can see how God was molding us. To live a life of purpose, we must realize that God is shaping us through everything we're walking through today for moments still to come.

SCRIPTURE: Esther 4

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?
2. Describe a time in your life when God didn't seem present, but in hindsight, you see how He worked behind the scenes. How do we see this taking place in the Book of Esther?
3. How did Mordecai initially respond to the king's edict? Why are we more likely to try and hide our grief than share it with others? What guidance do we receive in Galatians 6:2 when it comes to sharing our burdens with others?
4. How would you explain the apparent change in Mordecai's disposition between verse 1 and verse 14? How about the noticeable change in Esther between verses 11 and 16? How do you typically respond to circumstances that require a significant step of faith?
5. How can living with the mindset that "God matures us for moments" help us when we face our own challenging seasons in life? How can Psalm 23 guide us as we face these moments of molding?
6. Describe a time in your life when other people nudged you to take a step of faith as Mordecai did with Esther. Similarly, what can we learn from vs. 16-17 when facing critical moments?
7. Are you facing a faith decision right now that others could encourage you through?
8. What's one personal takeaway from this study you can focus on applying in your life this week?