



A Mediator
Esther 4
Study Guide

1. Read Esther 4:1-4. Why do you think Mordecai is mourning so hard and so long? How do you think God feels about the results of sin?

2. Read Esther 4:5-17
Discuss the implications of this 5-message exchange.

a. Esther: *Why won't you stop crying?*

Discuss how we often become numb or distracted or cynical towards the devastation around us. Why is that?

b. Mordecai: *Here is the full account ... plead to the King for mercy.*

Discuss the 'evil edict of death' that all human beings are facing.

Do we really understand the full extent of what is happening in our world? (see also Rev. 20:15).

c. Esther: *This will probably cost me my life.*

What does it mean to be a Christ-follower? What is the implication? (Luke 14:33)

d. Mordecai: *Take the risk. I believe God has placed you here for this moment.*

Why do you think you were placed here and now? Do you think your life does not matter?

Are you afraid at times to take a risk?

e. Esther: *If I perish, I perish!*

Here Esther takes on what it means to be a type of Christ- a mediator.

God has called all of us to do the same (Phil. 1:21).

What does it mean to be like a 'dead man walking'?

Is this a bad thing?

What was the outcome of Esther embracing her calling?