



## My Part in God's Drama Small Group Leaders Tips

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### Connect

Describe a time when you were forced into a no-win situation. How did you feel? How did you respond?

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### Commit

Read *Esther 2*

1. **Summarize the plan to find a new queen. What does this story sound like to you? A fairy tale? A TV mini-series? A reality show?**

Pastor Rick referred to it as *The Bachelor: Persian Edition*. But make sure to have everyone summarize the story and set the scene for what's happening.

2. **The author mentions several times that Mordecai instructed Esther to keep her identity hidden. What might have motivated his request?**

Mordecai instructed Esther in his ways...remember he thought he could hide his race and religion and separate his private life from his public life.

3. **Read Esther 2:19-23. What does this glimpse of Mordecai's life tell us about his character?**

Despite straddling the fence, Mordecai displays integrity in his choice to reveal the assassination plot and concern for Esther by seeking out information about her.

4. **Even though God has not been directly mentioned in the book, where do you see His moving hand in the story so far?**

Notice how God is orchestrating the events of the day: Queen Vashti's removal, Esther is blessed with beauty and wins the approval of the king, Mordecai revealing the assassination plot.

5. **Who do you most identify with in the story? Xeres, who thought power and pleasure, would make him happy? Mordecai, who tried to straddle the fence and hide his faith? Or Esther, who sought to make everyone happy? How might God be calling you to live differently?**
6. **If you were chosen to be the king or queen of a nation, what might be the greatest strength or asset you would bring to that country? Where are you using that gift now? How might God be preparing you "for such a time as this?"**