



True Grit 4 – Queen of Grit Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **How has this series on grit challenged you? What will you take from it?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Eddie shared, "Even when God works in the shadows, he still does good work." **Looking back on your life, how have you ever seen God working in unexpected or unseen ways?**
- **What stood out to you from the story of Esther?** Look over the scriptures below or flip through Esther 1–8 if needed.
 - **What do you notice about the different major characters in this story?**
 - **What do you notice about God?** (He is not directly mentioned in this story. **What do you make of that?**)
- Have you ever considered how God might want to use some of your positive traits? Eddie asked us to remember that they come from God and that he wants to use them. **Make a list of some things about yourself that are good. Then, next to each one, write how God might want to have you use them for him and for others.**
- **Consider making a similar list for some of the specific places and relationships in your life. List them and ask, "What if God is looking for me to act here?"**
- The message included two practical applications from the story of Esther:
 - When truth and relationships intersect, be gritty.
 - When comfort and calling collide, be gritty.**Which do you sense God wants you to hear and apply this week? What situation in your life comes to mind?**
- Eddie gave us a practical challenge: "Look for ways to say no to your own comfort this week that allow you to say yes to God."
 - **Take a moment to write down a few examples of what this might look like.**
 - **Start a note to keep track of the times where you try to practice this.**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Esther**
- **Even when God works in the shadows, he does good work.**

- Esther 1:10 – “On the seventh day of the feast, when King Xerxes was in high spirits because of the wine, he told the seven eunuchs who attended him...”
- Esther 1:11 – “...to bring Queen Vashti to him with the royal crown on her head. He wanted the nobles and all the other men to gaze on her beauty, for she was a very beautiful woman.”
- Esther 2:7 – “A man named Mordecai... had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter. As a result of the king’s decree, Esther, along with many other young women, was brought to the king’s harem at the fortress of Susa.”
- Esther 3:6 – “Haman learned of Mordecai’s nationality, so he decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone. Instead, he looked for a way to destroy all the Jews throughout the entire empire of Xerxes.”
- Hebrews 13:5 - “Never will I leave you. never will I forsake you.”
- Esther 4:13 – “Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: ‘Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?’”
- **Sometimes God allows us to be in difficult circumstances so we can bring the hope people need.**
- **What if God is looking to you?**
- Esther 4:16 - “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”
- **When truth and relationships intersect, be gritty.**
- **Sometimes we struggle to encourage our loved ones to go all-in for God.**
- Matthew 10:37 - “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.”
- **You are always called to such a time as this.**
- **When comfort and calling collide, be gritty.**
- **Look for ways to say no to your own comfort this week that allow you to say yes to God.**

We hope you’ll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday’s service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Write It Down – Do you want to grow in your ability to experience God at work in your life? The habit of writing down notes through journaling is a great way to slow down and keep track of what you’re learning and observing. We created a simple journal with examples of ways to take notes (Sunday worship notes, daily reflection, prayer requests, and more). Learn more about this and other resources at wschurch.org/resources.