

April 26, 2020 | Disrupted – Week 4
Group Discussion Questions

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, read [Esther 4](#) and [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

INTRODUCTION

Do we have to be labeled “essential” to feel significant? During times of significant disruption, we tend to feel like we are insignificant to the problem because we can’t do much to help solve the issue. But no matter how insignificant you feel, you have an essential role to play during this disruption.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What feelings of insignificance have you felt during this disruption?

2. In the story of Queen Esther, Haman has recently propositioned the king to destroy all Jews because Mordecai would not bow down in reverence to the king. Read [Esther 4:8-12](#) to see Queen Esther’s initial response.

Esther has been asked to take a stand but is fearful of the outcome. When have you found yourself in this type of circumstance?

Continue reading [Esther 4:13-14](#). How does Mordecai respond to Esther’s feelings of insignificance? What is the relationship between God’s providence and our responsibility?

Continue reading Esther [4:15-16](#). What risk was Queen Esther taking by approaching the king, and how did she prepare for it? What is the significance of the race-wide fast?

3. Amidst feelings of insignificance, Queen Esther was willing to trust God, act boldly, and risk everything to save her people. We may never find ourselves in Queen Esther’s position, but each of us has an essential role to play in the ongoing plan of God. In your life, what significant opportunities are being presented to trust God, act boldly, and impact the life of another?

If you step into this opportunity, what risk is involved, who would be affected, and how could it change the trajectory of their life?

What may happen if you do not step into the opportunities that have been presented?

ACTION STEP

4. This coming week, how will you trust God and act boldly?

Recommended Action Steps

1. **Fast.** For a specific period, deny yourself food for a spiritual purpose – God's favor, protection, or strength.
2. **Act.** Odds are you know what essential role you play in the ongoing plan of God. This is your moment. Step into the opportunity God has presented. Just do it.
3. **Pray.** Stay in constant communication with God through consistent times of prayer. Set reminders on your phone and find a place to kneel down to pray.
4. **Read a book.** Recommended reading for the series, *Disrupted*.
 - a. [Unexpected](#) by Stephen & Karen Blandino
 - b. [Life Interrupted](#) by Priscilla Shirer

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.

This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.

Their action step is _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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