

Some Questions for Home Groups: "Growing up in Public"

Read Esther 2:1-11; 3:1-11; 4:1-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-10; Jeremiah 29:7

1. What would you say are the outstanding personal qualities of Esther and Mordecai which made them particularly attractive or valuable to the king?
2. Taking "Loyalty" as one of Esther's qualities, trace as many examples of her loyalty to both God and people, as you can throughout the story.
3. Who are you loyal to, and how does this show itself? Is loyalty ever misplaced?
4. How would you describe Esther: someone who did what she was told, or someone who took charge?
5. In what situations do you sometimes feel like a "stranger in the world" (1 Peter 1:2)?
6. How can you learn from Esther and Mordecai's approach in the situations you just shared?