



**Sermon Discussion Guide - November 10, 2024**  
**Plot Twists - Esther**

This week, Pastor Michael shared about the story of Esther. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

**1. Read Lamentations 3:19-26**

- *What does this passage encourage us to remember and do when we're faced with an "awful time"?*

**2. Read Esther 4:13-14**

- *Pastor Michael said these two things: "Trusting God's plan often means trusting God's timing;" and "We have to trust in the purpose of God's plan even when we're walking through the pain of God's plan."*
- *Describe a time in your life when one or both of these statements was happening. What was the outcome?*

**3. In looking at the story of Esther and her cousin Mordecai, we learn that trusting God requires 4 qualities: wisdom, humility, patience and integrity.**

- *Why is wisdom necessary for trust? What wisdom do you need today?*
- *How would you describe humility? How are trusting God and humility connected?*
- *What happens when we aren't patient in trusting God? How do we know when it is time to stop waiting and to take action?*
- *From the sermon, integrity can be defined as "When your character matches your words regardless of what you're facing in life." What importance does integrity play in exercising trust in God? If you compromise your integrity, what does that do to your trust in God?*

**4. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?**