CORNERSTONE REFLECTION GUIDE
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Title: **Esther: But Where Is God?**
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Scripture: **Esther 7; Romans 8:28**

Do you ever struggle to see how God is at work? Not just in the world, but in your own story? Though God is never mentioned by name in the book of Esther, His presence is unmistakable through every twist and turn of the story, revealing that God is at work even when we can't see it or understand.

This week's sermon shifts our perspective and reminds us that God isn't part of *our* story—we are part of *His* redemptive story, and it is still being written. We're invited to join God in His ongoing purpose of restoring what is broken and making things whole.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. Have you ever experienced a season where God seemed absent—but later you realized He was still at work? What helped you see it more clearly in hindsight?
3. Romans 8:28 says that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. How have you seen God bring healing, growth, or purpose out of something broken?
4. Where in your life (or the world) do you long to see God restore what's been broken? What might it look like to join Him in that work?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Take a quiet moment and ask yourself: **Where have I seen signs of God at work in my life?** It could be recent or in the past. It might be something small, a change in timing, an unexpected conversation, or peace in a hard place.

Write it down. Don’t worry about making it perfect—just name what you noticed. Journaling helps us trace God’s faithfulness over time.

Choose one trusted person and share what you wrote. Speaking it aloud often helps us recognize God's presence more clearly—and encourages others to look for Him too.

Throughout the week, look for those “*only God*” moments—situations that seem too aligned to be random or coincidental. Continue to record those moments and be reminded of God’s presence and activity in your life.

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