

WEEK 3 | COMMUNAL REALM

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | Esther

BOOK CHAPTER FOCUS | Chapters 6 - 10

SERMON CONNECTION

Consider the story of Esther, and the other characters present. Consider their communal connections, and how those connections influenced this story they're remembered for. How did their connection with their communities shape how they engaged with the world, for better or worse?

FOR REFLECTION/CONVERSATION

This realm is all about relationship. Relationships don't happen to you. They require your attention and intention. They are also always changing, leaving lots of room to grow, change, try again. As you reflect on this realm, have grace with yourself. You are engaged in more ways than you know, and as long as we're breathing, there's time to grow. Reflect here in a general way, how do you feel when you think about your communal relationships?

Consider your communal relationships. Make a list of the ways you are engaged in the community around you. Pray over that list. What do you feel good about? What's missing? What do you wish was different? Make another list that adds/edits relationships based on your reflection here. What steps might you take in the next 30 days to grow closer to those relational goals?

Take an assessment of your bookshelf and social media follows. Are the parts of the community you want to be more engaged with represented there? How might you give some intention to adding to the voices you're reading and listening to, to better reflect the parts of the community you want to be in relationship with?

Consider your kinship to the earth. Relationships require communication and connection. In what ways are you already in relationship to the earth? How might you increase your communication and connection to the earth in the season ahead?