

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. Share one of your best tips for handling high pressure situations.
2. What idea or comment caught your attention in the sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. Why do so many people neglect the practice of influencing others in positive ways that produce spiritual growth?
4. How can we be more accessible to God and therefore, a greater influence in the lives of others?
5. When pressure rises and trouble looms near, how can we show our obedience to God?
6. How can we demonstrate our trust in God regarding the details of our circumstances or challenges in life?

WORK IT OUT:

7. What do you believe is your next step in becoming a person of influence, developing personal character or trusting God with details?
8. How can our Growth Groups help you?

A STORY OF INFLUENCE

2/10 in the series, *The Supporting Cast*
June 12, 2016 • Pastor Robb Williams • *Esther 2:5-7*

In the most serious situation, in a foreign land, against powerful enemies, Mordecai's character and influence shone brightly. Do you ever feel like you are living under pressure? Does it seem like you are being crushed in a cast iron vise, helpless and uncertain? Then today's story of influence and success is for you. Mordecai is a supporting cast member, yet without whom, Esther would never have been victorious. Let's be a "Mordecai".

1. **Be a great "step-father"** (*Esther 2:7, 14; 4:13-14*). Accept the influence of care, concern and council.
2. **Have plenty of Godly character** (*Esther 3:1-5*). Even if it gets us in trouble, let's stand firm.
3. **Trust God with the details** (*Esther 1:12; 2:21; 9:25*). The intricate detail is important, and it is in God's hands.

OUR ROLE

Are we faithful with what we know to do?
Will I faithfully trust God with the rest?

NEXT WEEK • FATHER'S DAY
LEADING THE NEXT GENERATION