



## Smoky Hill Vineyard

### 04.18.10 GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ESTHER 1:1-22

#### GROUP BUILDER

Share a time when God's goodness overcame what seemed to be a very bad situation in your life.

#### REFLECTION

What did God highlight or affirm to you about trusting Him during this weekend's message from Esther?

#### DEEPER (Large Group Discussion)

What does it mean to "understand the times"? (verses 13-14) How can we have better understanding of God's timing?

Discuss Vashti's response to the king. What do you think motivated her to refuse to come when he summoned her?

Look up the following verses and discuss how they encourage us to trust that God is at work. Psalm 40: 1-5; Psalm 56:3-4; Proverbs 3: 5-8; Isaiah 26:3-4; Ephesians 3: 20-21.

#### APPLICATION (In Groups of 3)

Through what "contradictory circumstances" are you struggling to see God's hand in your life? Are there barriers or strongholds that keep you from seeing His work?

What important decision do you have pending in your life? Where will you seek information or understanding to make that decision?

What is your plan to meditate on God's word so you will remain strong? Which of the above verses will you memorize?

Pray for one another that any hindrances in trusting God's work will fall away, confessing any unbelief you may have. Receive His forgiveness. Share what you see God doing in your life so His work is confirmed and affirmed as you encourage one another.



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