



## Smoky Hill Vineyard

### 05.09.10 GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ESTHER 4:1-17

#### GROUP BUILDER

When have you found yourself in a position where taking a stand meant going against the grain? What was the result?

#### REFLECTION

How was your definition or perception of taking a stand challenged or confirmed during this weekend's message?

#### DEEPER (Large Group)

How have you shown your readiness to do God's will in an unappealing time? Have you had to make difficult choices in order to do His will? Share the experience and what you learned.

What do you think prompted Mordecai's crying and penitence? (verses 1-3).

Discuss verses 15-16. What do you think of Esther's decision? Have you ever fasted or known anyone who has? Share your experience, or ask a question about fasting.

Read the following verses: Joshua 24:14-15; 2 Chronicles 20:15-18; Job 42:1-6; I Corinthians 16:13; Lamentations 3:59. How do they provide encouragement to take a stand?

#### APPLICATION (In Groups of 2-3)

Is God calling you to make a difficult decision for Him? How are you responding to the challenge?

Does it require faith to obey when God asks for your obedience? Do you experience a struggle between your will and God's plan?

Pray for each other that God's will be done and for the strength of conviction to take a stand. Ask the Holy Spirit for faith; Repent of any resistance to His will; Determine to go forward with Him no matter what the cost. Praise Him for His grace and mercy.



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