

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ESTHER 8:1-17

GROUP BUILDER

What could you accomplish in the next nine months that would put your life in a better place?

REFLECTION

What new thoughts or challenges impacted you about turning things around in your own life through this weekend's message?

DEEPER (Large Group Discussion)

Feel free to utilize one or more of the following questions:

Look at verse 5:11. What must be changed before victory can be celebrated?

Compare verse 12 to chapter 3:7 and 13. What do you think is significant about the timing?

Discuss the outcome that is revealed in verse 17. What are your thoughts about people joining the Jews and their reasons for joining them?

Read the following verses and discuss the various insights regarding processes of turning things around: Isaiah 29:22-24; Isaiah 45:22-23; Matthew 18:1-5; Acts 3:19; Acts 26:18; I Peter 3:11.

APPLICATION (In Groups of 2-3)

Which set of verses in the previous question is most applicable to where you are in your journey of following Christ? How then might you proceed?

What is your reaction when good things happen in your life? How might your response change if you thought the outcome of good things happening were to give honor to God and draw others to Jesus?

Pray for one another applying the truth that God can turn things around in your life. Confess where your methods and motives have not been exemplary. Ask the Lord what it would look like for you to take courage in taking a stand and trusting Him to work in your life. Ask for a kingdom perspective about where you are in relationship to Him, others, and in your life circumstances.

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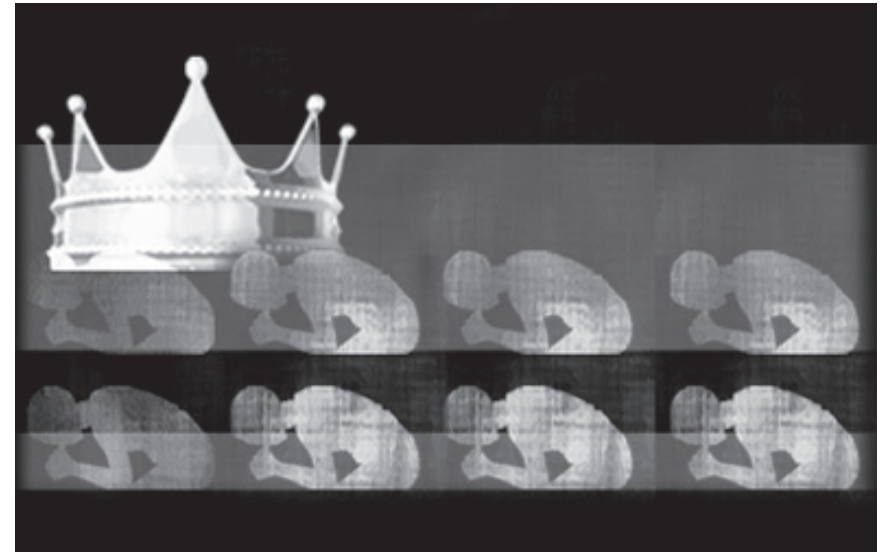
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We suggest that children attend their age-appropriate classes during the main service. We view the service as a time for parents to be refreshed. If your child needs you, the number on your child's check-in tag will be displayed on the sanctuary monitors. **If you do have your child with you, please sit near a door so you may exit at the first sign of playfulness or fussiness.** This will be greatly appreciated by those seated around you. A video feed is located in the Café and the Nursing-Mother's Room, for your convenience.



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June 6, 2010

GOD TURNS THINGS AROUND
Book of Esther Study

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FLOW OF SERVICE

- **MUSIC** Expressing our love to God. Feel free to stand or sit.
- **GIVING** Honoring God through our tithes and offerings.
- **TEACHING** Discovering 'Real Life' through God's Word.
- **ACTION** Responding to God.

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NEED TO KNOW...

FREE STUFF!

If you are visiting today, we invite you to pick up a free Vineyard worship CD at one of our Info Desks. Thank you for joining us!

MESSAGE CDs

Make sure to get CD's from recent messages in the bookstore. **\$3 each.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

BURRITOS!

Our Single Parent Ministry is selling Breakfast Burritos today and next Sunday, June 13. Be sure to stop by the table in the Café. All proceeds will benefit the Single Parent Ministry.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Join us for Financial Peace University for 13 weeks this summer. Wednesday nights, beginning June 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Cost for materials is \$99. Sign-up at an Info Desk.

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

Would you like to raise responsible, respectful kids who are a blessing to you and others? Attend the 4-week session of "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" starting June 9 at 6:30 pm in Room 120. There is a \$15 cost to cover the training book. Childcare available. Sign-up at an Info Desk or call Cindy at 303.690.2520.

SHV STUDENTS: MAKING THE MOVE

SHV Students has moved from Wednesday to Sunday nights! Doors open at 7:00 pm and activities go from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. High School meets in the Café, while 7th/8th Grades meet in the Youth Room. See you there!

PODCAST/VIDEO OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

Download the podcast or video of today's message to your iPod or computer. Go to SHVchurch.org.

EAR PLUGS

If the volume of worship is beyond your comfort range, we have complimentary ear plugs available at the Info Desks.

SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT DAY

Last year, we served 119 in our community, blessing them with services such as oil changes, car washes, medical check-ups, hair cuts, massages, manicures, and more. This year's event will be Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To be a part, contact Roberta at rkmacallister@gmail.com.

THE TRUTH PROJECT

This DVD-based curriculum is comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. Each lesson discusses the importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. Sign-up at an Info Desk or call the office at 303.690.2520.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration to Vacation Bible School is available at SHVchurch.org! VBS is June 21-25, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for ages three to 5th Grade. The cost is \$20 per child, not to exceed \$50 per family. For more info, please contact Cecilia. McMurray@SHVchurch.org or call 303.328.3480.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Be a vital part of the SHV team! We are growing and need your help with administrative and ministry projects. You can check out the "Serve" section of the Community Board, contact Anna at 303.690.2520, or fill out an application at SHVchurch.org.

MESSAGE NOTES

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Take a Stand – Book of Esther Series

Esther 8:1-10, NIV

That same day King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. The king took off his signet ring, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed him over Haman's estate.

Esther again pleaded with the king, falling at his feet and weeping. She begged him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the Agagite, which he had devised against the Jews. Then the king extended the gold scepter to Esther and she arose and stood before him. "If it pleases the king," she said, "and if he regards me with favor and thinks it the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king's provinces. For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?"

King Xerxes replied to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his estate to Esther, and they have hanged him on the gallows. Now write another decree in the king's name in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring—for no document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked."

At once the royal secretaries were summoned—on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan. They wrote out all Mordecai's orders to the Jews, and to the satraps, governors and nobles of the 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush. These orders were written in the script of each province and the language of each people and also to the Jews in their own script and language. Mordecai wrote in the name of King Xerxes, sealed the dispatches with the king's signet ring, and sent them by mounted couriers, who rode fast horses especially bred for the king.

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FURTHER REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. God can turn _____
2. Esther is a great example of _____
3. Some of Esther's _____ are not exemplary
4. God uses _____
5. _____ helps us understand and interpret

RESPONSE

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