

## GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ESTHER

### GROUP BUILDER

Share one of your most deeply held convictions. When have you taken action based on that conviction?

### REFLECTION

What inspiration or new understanding did you receive regarding character and courage from this weekend's message?

*Feel free to utilize one or more of the following questions for discussion.*

### LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

Recount Mordecai's actions which show his commitment to God, to Esther and to God's people. What principles can you take away as motivation to face challenges? (Esther 2:15, 19-23; 3:3; 4:1-3, 12-14, 17; 10:3).

Mordecai was limited in how far he could go physically (Esther 4:1-3). How do you respond when limitations are put on you?

Mordecai modeled seeking the best for others and the welfare of a group of people. What people group or cause are you most passionate to stand up for? The poor? Children? Widows? Families? A people group? Other?

Mordecai faced trials with deep conviction and belief in God's promises. When you face difficulty where are you most likely to turn?

### APPLICATION (in groups of 2-3)

In what area(s) of your life is God challenging your character? How might the character and courage of Mordecai shape your response to the trials you are facing, or may face?

What situation are you facing where you need to take courage? Can you see how the pressure you are under may be a way of God shaping you?

#### ALERT!

Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices. We record our services (both video and audio) so others can enjoy the message via the web site. THANK YOU for helping us provide a quality experience for all.

### A NOTE TO PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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.



## Smoky Hill Vineyard

Real Life · Real Community · Real Mission



June 20, 2010

CHARACTER AND COURAGE  
*Book of Esther Study*

# SHVchurch.org

## 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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**Office Hours** Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | **Service Times** Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 am

## 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

### A NEW WAY TO GIVE AT SHV

If you want to give, but don't carry cash or a checkbook, visit the Giving Kiosk in the Café to securely give and/or register for events with a debit or credit card.

### JOIN THE SHV TEAM

- **Children's Ministry Assistant Director**  
Wanna be part of building an amazing Children's Ministry?! This part-time position requires someone with strong leadership and team-building skills. Send your resume to Phyllis.Catrell@SHVChurch.org.
- **Administrative Assistant – 28 hrs/week.** The successful candidate will have very strong administrative, organizational systems and event-planning experience. Send your resume to Phyllis.Catrell@SHVChurch.org.

### LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CONNECT?

Growth Groups offer an opportunity to develop long-term relationships, study the Bible and have fun together. To find a group please stop by an Info Desk, visit the Discover Community Board in the Café, or log onto [SHVchurch.org](http://SHVchurch.org).

### MISSIONS: THE MEYERS

Join Jim and Sara Meyer, our missionaries serving in Germany, on Sunday, June 27 at 12:15 pm in the Summit Room. Jim and Sara will share encouraging stories of what God is doing in Europe.

### PODCAST/VIDEO OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

Download the podcast or video of today's message to your iPod or computer. Go to [SHVchurch.org](http://SHVchurch.org).

### EAR PLUGS

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

### SHV STUDENTS: NEW NIGHT!

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

### SHVSTUDENTS.COM

Check out the new [SHVstudents.com](http://SHVstudents.com) for cool ways to connect with your friends and leaders from SHV. Plus, you'll find funny videos, the verse of the day, and blog posts from your favorite youth pastor, Joe.

### SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT DAY

Last year, we served 119 single parents, blessing them with services such as oil changes, car washes, medical check-ups, hair cuts, massages, manicures, and more. This year's event is Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. If you would like to be a part, contact Roberta at [rkmacallister@gmail.com](mailto:rkmacallister@gmail.com).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration to Vacation Bible School is available at [SHVchurch.org](http://SHVchurch.org)! VBS is June 21-25 from 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](mailto:McMurray@SHVchurch.org) or call 303.328.3480.

## MESSAGE NOTES

### CHARACTER AND COURAGE

*Take a Stand – Book of Esther Series*  
*Father's Day*

Finding inspiration in the example of Mordecai

Esther 10:3

*Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.*

*The last verse written about your life...?*

A man of character and courage...

Esther 2:15, 19-23; 3:3; 4:1-3, 12-14, 17; 10:3

### THREE INSIGHTS INTO BUILDING CHARACTER AND COURAGE

1. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal application:*

2. Allow God to \_\_\_\_\_ when there is pressure

*Personal application:*

3. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal application:*

### RESPONSE