

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

ESTHER 9:20-32

GROUP BUILDER

Other than your birthday, do you have an event in your life that brings a personal day of celebration? What do you celebrate and why?

REFLECTION

What inspiration, challenge or revelation from the Book of Esther have you received through this weekend's message or series?

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

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

Have you experienced sorrow being turned to joy? How did you share it with others?

What is the most valued aspect of freedom to you? Do you think of freedom in national terms, personal terms or spiritual terms? How does each impact your life?

Look at the following verses and discuss their relevance to celebration and freedom: Psalm 118: 24-29; Isaiah 61:1; Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16; I Peter 2:16. How might they apply to you celebrating and enjoying freedom?

APPLICATION (In Groups of 2-3):

What has God made right in your life that you need to remember and celebrate?

Have you had relief from any of your enemies, e.g. pride, greed, fear, _____? What relief are you still seeking? How can others in your group help you find relief?

Purposefully discuss the commitment to stand with each other through growing in freedom. Pray for each other to press in toward the prize of truly knowing Jesus.

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.

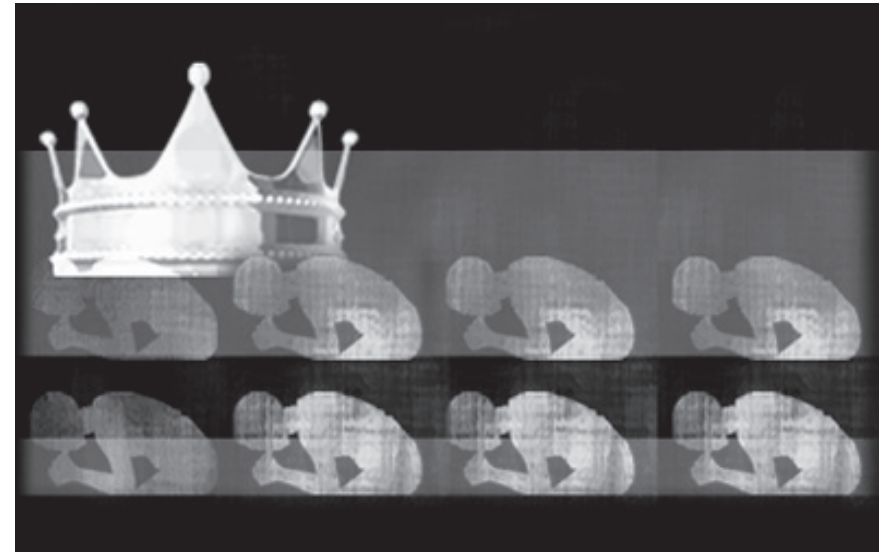
A NOTE TO PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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.



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June 27, 2010

REMEMBERING TO CELEBRATE
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.**

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUDIO ADRENALINE

SHV is partnering with Extreme Faith Productions for an Audio Adrenaline concert, July 16 at 7:00 pm. Tickets, \$15 for General Admission and \$29 for Advance VP, are on sale SUNDAYS in the bookstore. If you are interested in helping with the concert, email Cindy. Redmond@SHVchurch.org or call 303.328.3472.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Starting in July, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a single mom in our community. This 12-week project is a great way to serve. For more info, contact Doug at riderx5@mac.com.

HAITI RELIEF

We are sending a team to the Dominican Republic to help Haiti refugees, August 14-21. Contact Dan at d_schwarz@comcast.net for more information.

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.

JOIN THE SHV TEAM

- **Children's Ministry Co-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.

MISSIONS: THE MEYERS

You are invited to join Jim and Sara Meyer, our very own missionaries serving in Germany, TODAY at 12:15 in the Summit Room. Jim and Sara will share encouraging stories of what God is doing in Europe.

SHV WOMENS EVENTS

Ladies, join us at Southlands Caribou Coffee on June 30 at 7:00 pm. We also invite you to bring your kids for a play date at Southlands Chick-Fil-A, July 1 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more info, contact Nancy at 303.907.3634.

MESSAGE NOTES

REMEMBERING TO CELEBRATE

Take a Stand – Book of Esther Series

Esther 9:18-32, New International Version

9:20-22 Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

9:26-28 Because of everything written in this letter and because of what they had seen and what had happened to them, the Jews took it upon themselves to establish the custom that they and their descendants and all who join them should without fail observe these two days every year, in the way prescribed and at the time appointed. These days should be remembered and observed in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city. And these days of Purim should never cease to be celebrated by the Jews, nor should the memory of them die out among their descendants.

Why does God tell us to remember?

- We easily _____
- It stirs our _____
- It brings us _____

Celebrate relief from _____

Celebrate sorrow turned into _____

Celebrate God's hand in _____

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