

Life Group Guide

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Esther 1:1-22

September 5/8, 2024

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Consider sharing a meal each week together. As you eat together, catch up on the week. Use the Icebreaker Questions resource here, ask 1-2 to start your time together. [Icebreaker Questions](#)

If you were granted three wishes, what would you wish for? (#13)

What is an interesting or unusual fact about you? (#18)

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1. How was your time with the Lord last week? Share one thing from His word you are learning about.
2. Follow up from last week's question, did anyone implement a new rhythm or habit from last week?
 - What are some ways you are hoping to grow with the Lord this semester?
 - Any habits/rhythms you want to begin or continue?
 - What do you need to say no to or cut back on to prioritize time with God?

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3. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was a significant takeaway you had from the message or passage last week?
4. As you consider the chaos of our day and the ungodly culture that surrounds us, how does a deeper understanding of Esther 1 and God's hidden hand at work even in ungodly rulers and circumstances bring you peace currently?
5. It is said that the book of Esther is one long narrative illustration of Romans 8:28. Have someone read Romans 8:28, how do you see this to be true so far in this first part of Esther? How have you experienced Romans 8:28 in your own life?
6. The Kings of that time rule through power, indulgence, dominance, and pride. How does this contrast to what is listed about our God, the King of Kings, in Isaiah 32:1-8 and Matthew 20:28?
7. As we come to the end of this chapter, we see the King rule over his wife, and ultimately over all women at that time with harsh dominance. As followers of Jesus, we get to display a different kind of relationship between men and women, husband and wives. Read Romans 12:10 and Ephesians 5:18-33. Discuss how these verses display what a Spirit filled community should look like in both relationship as brothers and sisters as well as in marriage, as husband and wife.

8. In what ways can you display the love and light of Christ in how you honor one another? How does our mutual submission point to the gospel and a new type of community we are a part of, to those around us?

Practice: Serve Faithfully

Serve Fresno will be in October. There are several agencies and non-profits in town that do the hard work of bringing dignity, healing, and hope to women who have been harmed, mistreated, abused, and abandoned. Consider looking at some of the agencies below for more information and begin praying as a group if this is an area your group would like to serve with this upcoming season.

[Marjoree Mason Center](#)

[Rescue the Children](#)

[Breaking the Chains](#)

[World Impact with Kim & Manual Contreras](#) (kcontreras@worldimpact.org)