

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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November 7/10, 2024

Esther 9:1-19

Connect: We have one more week in the Esther series! Following Esther, we will have a stand alone message with baptism then we will move into a season of Advent. We will be sending a Friendsgiving guide for the final week in November and then an Advent guide for the month of December (for you to use on your own or in a group). Spend some time this week discussing your meeting schedule as a group from Thanksgiving through December. We encourage you to take some time off around the holidays and start back up again in January when we start our sermon series in 2 Corinthians.

Week of 11/10-11/15: Esther 9:1-19

Week of 11/17-11/22: Esther 9:20-10:3

Week of 11/24-11/29: Friendsgiving Guide

Dec 1: Advent LG Guide for the month of December (we are not writing weekly guides to follow the sermon series since most groups meet 1-2 times in Dec. We will send this 4 week guide to you 11/29 for the month)

Jan-Mar: 2 Corinthians series (we will begin writing weekly guides once this series starts)

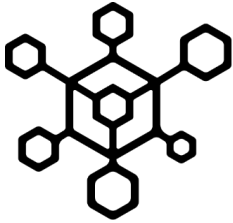
Also, please spend some time in your group sharing the vision of multiplying by raising up at least one new leader to create space for people who desire to connect in your life group. The best way to continue to build the kingdom of God is through discipleship, and we believe you have potential leaders in your group that can help fulfill our mission of every member in our church joining a life group. If anyone is interested, please let the lifegroup team know.

Grow

1. Last week we practiced prayer for our elected officials according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2. In what ways did you pray for our country and its leader this past week? How is your reaction about the election results revealing your heart posture towards God, those He puts into leadership, and who or what you're trusting in? How can you in the next few days listen as a peacemaker to someone who voted differently than you?

Share

2. Read Esther 9:1-19. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon?
3. How did you see the hidden hand of God in your life this past week?
4. God is a covenant keeping God, faithful to fulfill His promises and preserve His people. What ways have you seen this to be true either in Scripture or examples of His faithfulness in your own life? In what ways do you know Him to be a God who fulfills promises?



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Or perhaps you are waiting for God to show Himself to be faithful in your circumstances? Where are you depending on the God of great reversals to turn things around for you?

5. It was said in the sermon that “Esther is not thinking about the battle, but about the war”. Read Colossians 3:1-2, Philipians 3:20, and Ephesians 6:10-18. What do these verses teach us about our posture here on earth when things seem to be battling against the Kingdom of God? How does this challenge or encourage you in light of current circumstances?
6. How are you going to war against sin and your flesh, pursuing personal holiness to cultivate intimacy with God and shine your light to those around you?

Practice: Celebrating the Work of God

This chapter covers 3 important things we see from God’s people and their response to God’s power in battle. There is relief and victory, rest, and rejoicing/celebrating because of deliverance. This is a marked moment of celebration that is to be remembered and honored for generations to come. When we gather as the church every week, how much more do we have a reason to celebrate the ultimate rest from striving and ultimate victory over sin through Jesus Christ!

Look through the 3 reflective practices below and choose one to discuss with your group and/or put into practice over the next week:

Relief & victory: Reflect on your life with Jesus. What are the ways the Lord has led you to victory over sin? What are some ways you’ve experienced victory over sin this week?

Rest from striving or isolating: What ways do you feel most at rest with the Lord? How can you rest in His goodness and care this week? This may mean to cease striving, to confess a secret sin, to admit brokenness to others and let them bear your burdens, etc.

Remember & celebrate: How can you look back at the work of the grace of God in your life and mark moments of remembrance and celebration? How can you celebrate the work of God through feasting and enjoying time with others?