



# lyona bible church

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – MAY 9, 2010

### **Announcements – Please read these to your group!**

*Please check your bulletin and the website ([www.lyona.org](http://www.lyona.org)) each week for additional information.*

- **THEOS:** A new semester will be starting Sunday, June 13 beginning at 9am. Courses TBA.
- **Life Groups:** Our Life Groups are open to new couples and singles. So invite away!

### **Risking It All: Introduction (Esther)**

#### **Recap:**

In this introduction to the amazing book of Esther, we find that Esther's life is one that God is always at work in our lives. He is working in the circumstances, situations, and uncertainties of life. This requires us to be prepared to live a life of faith.

#### **Questions:**

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. When was the last time that you took a risk? As a couple or as a family?
3. Why is it so hard to take risks? Is this really a matter of faith?
4. If you could describe the book of Esther (with what you know now), how would you describe it? What do you expect to get over the next several weeks (as we study it as a church)?
5. Have someone read Esther 2:5-7. How does God's plan for us require us to make adjustments to our life?
6. Have someone read Esther 4:14. Why and how do these adjustments leave us in a crisis of belief?
7. Have someone read Esther 4:16. What does this crisis of belief require on our behalf? What does it mean to put our faith in action?
8. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?

#### **Prayer Requests**

A place to write out your groups' prayer requests

## **SERMON NOTES**

*Each header with sub-points is a slide used in Sunday morning's PowerPoint presentation.*

**Text:** Esther

**Speaker:** Michael Fraser

**Message:** Risking It All: Introduction

### **Risking It All: The Story of Hadassah (Esther)**

#### **Main Characters:**

- Ahasuerus –Xerxes
- Esther
- Mordecai
- Haman

#### **Additional Characters:**

- Vashti
- The Eunuchs
- Zeresh
- Haman's 10 sons

#### **Chronology of the Old Testament:**

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
  - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah
- 70 years of exile...
  - Ezekiel, Daniel
  - Ezra Nehemiah
  - Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

#### ***Esther reminds us that...***

- In the midst of a crisis,
- Surrounded by Turmoil,
- Filled with Uncertainty...
- God is always at work around us fulfilling His plan.
  - God's plan requires adjustments in our life.
    - Esther 2:5-7
  - These adjustments usually lead to a crisis of belief.
    - Esther 4:14
  - The crisis of belief requires faith and action.
    - Esther 4:16

#### ***Esther reminds us to...***

- Trust in God's Plan
- Trust in God's Timing
- Trust in God's Word