



Lyona bible church

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – JUNE 13, 2010

Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin and the website (www.lyona.org) each week for additional information.

- **THEOS:** A new semester started today, June 13 at 9am. Two courses are being offered: *Forgotten God* (Holy Spirit study) and *Heart Revolution* (Parables). We encourage those who will be sporadic during the summer to attend *Heart Revolution*.
- **Life Groups:** Our Life Groups are open to new couples and singles. So invite away!

Risking It All: Esther 7, 8

Recap:

In chapters 7 and 8 we see God's plan for deliverance for the Jewish people: Esther plans another banquet for the king and Haman to attend. It is there that she unfolds Haman's evil plan against the Jews. God then moves the king to execute Haman and grant a new decree of freedom.

Questions:

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. Esther showed great calmness in the presence of her enemy, even dining with him. How do we respond to our enemies? How should we respond? Luke 6:27-36 might be of some help
3. What was so interesting about the decree that Mordecai and Esther wrote? Why did they include the destruction of their enemies?
4. God's power in our lives impacts other believers. How has God working in your life affected other believers around you?
5. God's power in our lives impacts those who do not know Christ. How has God's power at work in your life affected those around you who do not know Christ?
6. 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 7, 8

Speaker: Michael Fraser

Message: Risking It All: Chapter 7, 8

The story of Esther, Chapter 7, 8

Esther reminds us that...

- **God is always at work around us fulfilling His plan.**
- **Even though we may not see it, never doubt it!**
- **Coincidence is God-incidence!**

Esther 7:1-10

- **Esther articulated!**
- **The king exasperated!**
- **Haman asphyxiated!**

Esther 8: 1-17

- **The Decree Reverted!**
- **People Converted!**

It changes the lives of His people (v.16)

- ***Light:* prosperity and hope**
- ***Gladness:* joy**
- ***Joy:* cheerfulness, welcome**
- ***Honor:* value, wealth, dignity**
- ***1 Kings 18:1-46***
- ***Acts 5:10,11***

It changes the lives of those who come in contact with His people (v.17)

- **Acts 2:42**
- **Acts 3:1-10**
- **Acts 5:12-16**
- **Acts 11: 19-21**
- **Acts 16: 25-43**
- **Acts 19:1-2**
- **Romans 1:16**

Esther: Risking it All!