



Lyona bible church

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – JUNE 6, 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 will be starting Sunday, June 13 beginning 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*. Sign-up at the Information Desk!
- **Life Groups:** Our Life Groups are open to new couples and singles. So invite away!

Risking It All: Esther 5,6

Recap:

In chapters 5 and 6 we see the beginning of the plan for deliverance for the Jewish people. God moves Esther to plan a banquet for the king and Haman to attend. God then moves the king to honor Mordecai and uses Haman to do so.

Questions:

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. Why was the king ready to give Esther up to half of his kingdom? How does God's favor play into this?
3. What does Haman's response to the invitation of Esther reveal about his character? Do we ever respond like this when given privilege or honor?
4. Why do so many people believe in coincidence and will not even consider God-incidence?
5. Haman's response to the humiliation over having to honor Mordecai reveals even more about him. How do you respond to being humiliated, especially by a rival?
6. Zeresh's response to Haman shows an understanding of God's hand of protection upon his people. If they knew this why did they still try to exterminate the Jews?
7. 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 5,6

Speaker: Michael Fraser

Message: Risking It All: Chapter 5,6

The story of Esther

Esther reminds us that...

- God is always at work around us fulfilling His plan.
- Even though we may not see it, never doubt it!
- The cause of God is of such high value it is worth risking it all!

Esther 5:1 – 6:14

- “she found favor in his sight...”
- The active presence of the God in a life is an attractive quality that people respond to.

- “That night the king could not sleep...”
- “And it was found written...”
- “Now Haman had just entered the outer court...”
 - Coincidence is God-incidence!

- “If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish decent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him.”
- Esther reminds us that...
 - God’s power working through God’s people is an unstoppable force!
 - Joshua 2:8-11
 - Matthew 16:18
 - God is always at work around us fulfilling His plan, and his plan is for His glory and our good!
 - Ephesians 1:11-14 / 2:4-7 / 3:8-11

“While they were still speaking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived. They quickly brought Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared...” (the story continues and the plot thickens...)