



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min) Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 51* Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Answer: Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

Scripture Reference: Romans 8:34

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study July 5th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

*Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Esther 1-2

1. Briefly discuss the context of Esther. Where does Esther fit in biblical history? What is the style of writing? What is the purpose of the book?

2. What kind of king is Ahasuerus?

3. Why does King Ahasuerus get angry with Queen Vashti?

4. What is being communicated about the king's power?

5. Who are Mordecai and Esther?

6. In what ways does it seem like Esther's situation is hopeless?

7. In verses 2:19-23, Mordecai hears of a plot to kill the king. He reports it, but isn't rewarded for his effort. How does God display His providence in this circumstance? In what ways do we see human responsibility?

8. How is God working to set the stage for the salvation of His people in Esther 1-2?

9. In what areas of your life do things seem hopeless? How can you trust in God's good redemptive and providential work in these circumstances?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

*Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

*Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.

