



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 52* What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

Answer: It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

Scripture Reference: Revelation 21:1-4

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 12th (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

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

Scripture Reference: Esther 3-4

1. Discuss the events of Esther 3, Haman's power, Mordecai's disobedience, the king's edict and fate for the Jews.

2. How would you respond to this edict?

3. In Esther 4, Mordecai appeals to Esther. Why is his request for her to beg for the king's favor so dangerous for Esther?

4. In what ways does taking the gospel of salvation forward seem dangerous in your context?

5. In Esther 4:14a Mordecai seems confident that God will save the Jews even if Esther doesn't approach the king. Why do you think Mordecai has this confidence?

6. What will happen to Esther if she doesn't approach the king? In what ways do we miss out on God's blessings if we choose to disobey?

7. In Esther 14b, Mordecai suggests that God might have providentially made Esther the queen for this very moment. In God's sovereignty, where has He placed you? How do you think He wants you to bring salvation to that context?

8. In Esther 4:16, we see how Esther approaches this high risk opportunity. What does her approach teach us about sharing the gospel in our context?

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.

