

### 1. GOING DEEPER

#### Esther 1 - 11

**1a)** How does Esther's appointed position in the palace reassure you that God played an active part in her story and continues to play an active role in your own?

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**b)** What personal experiences have led you to think that God was not present in your life?

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**c)** How can the story of Esther (God Behind the Scenes) help you combat this feeling?

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**2a)** The celebration of the feast of Purim is a reminder to the Jews of their deliverance from annihilation; as a Christian, what reminder can you create to remember God's deliverance for you?

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**b)** Why is recording what God has done in your life so important? Why should these acts be passed on to future generations?

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**c)** What verses can be used as encouragement while going through testing times? Why is the reciting of scripture helpful while going through the test?

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**3a)** The Bible is full of examples of seemingly imperfect people, who were used by God. What lessons can we learn from these examples?

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**b)** How can these examples be an encouragement while going through our tests?

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**c)** What lessons have you learnt from the book of Esther?

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### 2. APPLICATION

**2 a)** Challenge yourself this week to read the entire book of Esther and then write a blog highlighting your experience with the text.

**2 b)** Share your blog with a friend, relative, and/ or small group member as a means of encouragement to them.

#### Key Verse

Esther 4:14 (ESV)

"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

## Series Highlights

When we reflect on the Book of Esther, we remember that:

- 🌟 God Uses Imperfect People
- 🌟 God Knows the Enemy's Plans
- 🌟 God Positions People For Purpose
- 🌟 God Remembers and Honors Faithfulness
- 🌟 God Hears and Responds to our Cry
- 🌟 God Defends His People

## Recap Highlights

- 🌟 Being in the kingdom was Esther's position, but being the voice that brings deliverance was her purpose
- 🌟 God created us as finite beings without being able to see the future, have an upward gaze and look towards a God who is not partial
- 🌟 Your theology will inspire your beliefs. Allow scripture to fashion your beliefs

*No matter where you are positioned at this time,  
God will come to your Rescue*

## 5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

**Day 1**

### Deuteronomy 31:8

What I learned (observation / interpretation):

How I will Respond (application):

**Day 2**

### Mathew 6:31-33

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

**Day 3**

### Mathew 7:9-11

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

**Day 4**

### Psalm 34:10

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

**Day 5**

### Romans 8:32

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

### Inductive Bible Study Method



**Observation** (What does the text say?)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. Ask yourself the five W's and H: (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



**Interpretation** (What does the text mean?)

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- 🌟 What is the **main theme** and what is the **meaning** of key words;
- 🌟 Examine **cross references**
- 🌟 Compare **translations**
- 🌟 **Summarize** the text
- 🌟 **Use** commentaries (last resort)



**Application** (How should this affect Me?)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?"

Seek to identify if there are - **Sins** to confess; **Promises** to claim; **Examples** to follow; **Actions** to obey or **Knowledge** to grow in.

For best results, this content should be read and prepared privately and then discussed in your small group or with family / friends.  
We were not created to do life alone - get engaged today.

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