

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

- A. Earlier in your life, did you either lack a certain conviction, or hold a certain conviction different than what is evident in your life today? What changed?
- B. Name one strong conviction you have which you wish other people shared as well. Why is this important to you and what difference does it make in your life?
- C. What is a “right” conviction, missing in your life today, that you would like to embrace?
- D. Invite everyone in the group to pray for the things you have discussed during your Life Group.

God's Got This
#622 – Costly Convictions
Esther 1:1-22

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Costly Convictions

This is what happened during the time of Xerxes,
the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching
from India to Cush:
Esther 1:1

The Book of Esther

1. No mention of _____
2. No mention of _____
3. Not quoted in the _____
4. God's _____ are everywhere

“Providence is the means by which God directs all things, both animate and inanimate; seen and unseen; good and evil toward a worthy purpose which means his will must finally prevail.” J. Vernon McGee

God's unsearchable _____ works in concert with His unfathomable _____, to carry things out under His sovereign control.

Though God may at times seem distant, and though He is _____ to us, He is always _____.

A conviction is a firmly held belief or opinion which _____ a person's actions.

Xerxes' convictions of _____ cost him his queen.

Vashti's' convictions of _____ changed the course of history.

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. Name something you have that has sentimental value. What is the story behind this item?

- B. What was your first paid work or job?

- C. When was the last time you did something for the first time? What was it?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. Write out your definition of God's providence? Explain an event from your life where God's providence was evident.

3. Cite a different Biblical passage, or story, other than Esther that illustrates the providence of God. Provide the book, chapter(s) and verse(s). What do you find interesting about this story?

4. Can you name three convictions that Jesus demonstrated while He lived on earth?