

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
Applying this message to everyday life

- A. What is the level of joy that your salvation brings you? What could make this joy become more evident to others?
- B. What is a burden that you carry in your heart for the people of this world? What action of love has it produced in your life?
- C. If an objective bystander were to observe your life, would they say that you embrace salvation as Good News? Why or why not?
- D. Invite everyone in the group to pray for the things you have discussed during your Life Group.

*God's Got This*  
*#629 – The Tide Turns*  
*Esther 8:1-17*

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**The Tide Turns**

In every province and in every city to which the edict of the king came, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating. And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them.

Esther 8:17

God's people are always a minority, but 1 plus God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

God does not always give a \_\_\_\_\_ ending to everybody's story.

Without mention of \_\_\_\_\_, the story of Esther illustrates the Gospel message.

1. Esther's \_\_\_\_\_ for her condemned people moved her into action.
2. Ever since the fall of man, the law of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ has been in force in this world and God will not rescind that law. (Rom 5:12)
3. The wages of sin remain a death \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom 6:23a)
4. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God put another law into \_\_\_\_\_; the law of the Spirit of life. (Rom 8:2)
5. Just as every Jew could be saved, God's new decree makes it possible for every \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved. (Rom 10:9)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ immediately carried the good news to everyone in the land. (Is 52:7)

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a message of love, death, rescue, acceptance and proclamation.

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. What do you typically serve for dinner on Easter Sunday?

B. What is one of your favorite Easter songs?

C. What is your earliest memory of Easter?

2. Genesis 12:2-3 is a promise given to the nation of Israel which extends to the entire world. How do you see the fulfillment of this promise in the book of Esther?

3. Choose one of the following passages to find out the essence of the prayer that was made (what was the focus of the prayer?):

Moses – Exodus 32

Elijah – 1 Kings 18

Nehemiah – Nehemiah 1

Ezra – Ezra 9

Daniel – Daniel 9

Paul – Romans 9

## 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?

4. Do you think any Jews perished as a result of Haman's edict? If so, why did they perish? Does God purposely cause anyone to perish?