

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

- A. What impact has the study of Esther made on your life?
- B. Do you agree or disagree that there is a lack of “the fear of the Lord” in the church today? How so?
- C. Why is it important for you to remember and celebrate all of God’s goodness to us? How can you do a better job of celebrating?
- D. Invite everyone in the group to pray for the things you have discussed during your Life Group.

God’s Got This
#630 – God is in Control
Esther 9:1-10:3

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God is in Control

These days should be remembered and observed in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city. And these days of Purim should never fail to be celebrated by the Jews—nor should the memory of these days die out among their descendants.

Esther 9:28

Vindication

1. The ten sons of Haman and 76,000 enemies _____.
2. In Susa, an extra _____ to defend themselves was granted.
3. Hatred of the Jews exists because they gave to the world _____ of the true and living God, the _____, and the _____.
4. The Lord had put _____ in the hearts of their enemies; a weapon greater than swords.

Purim remembers the goodness of God working through His _____ to protect His people from extinction.

Good Friday remembers the supreme sacrifice of God’s _____ displayed in Jesus’ substitutionary death.

Easter remembers the supreme resurrection _____ of God over death and sin, and the promise of spending eternity with Him.

Our _____ fear of the Lord will never exceed the _____ fear of the Lord.

Culture is unlikely to change until the _____ seeks purity, prayer and fasting and remembers to put on the full armor of God.

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. Name something you fear in a good sort of way.

B. What Good Friday or Easter traditions do you have?

C. Have you ever seen God heal anyone? When & how?

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. Since Fred did not teach every verse in Esther chapters 9 and 10, go back and read these chapters. Did you find anything that perhaps could have been included in this sermon? If so, what?

3. What do the following verses of Scripture have in common? Genesis 3:5, Deuteronomy 2:25 and Joshua 9:24. How do they relate to the story of Esther?

4. Three times in chapter 9 it is recorded that the Jews did not lay their hand on the plunder of their enemies. Why do you think they did not take it? How is their action related to 1 Samuel 15:12-23?