

1. Take time to discuss your thoughts, impressions, knowledge of the book of Esther. Maybe it's nothing - and that's OK! Maybe you heard stories as a kid growing up about Esther - how are those stories correct and/or skewed?
2. Pastor Joe mentioned that we are not the hero of the Bible - God is! How have you heard things like (David & Goliath, for example) taught that made you the hero or the focus of the story? How can this lead to trouble as you read and study the Bible? How can you work to shift your focus?
3. Read **Esther 1:1-9**.
This week is more an introduction, a beginning to get to know the characters and the scene. What do you see? What do you not see?

What is the potential significance that God is never mentioned one time in this book? What impact can/does this have?

When you contrast this king with the King of Kings, what are some comparisons? How does it cause you to worship God and not someone, something or yourself?

4. What do you hope to get out of this series?

DIGGING DEEPER STUDY

Not a Coinkydink

This "Digging Deeper Study" is here for those of you who want to invest more, discover more, learn more and grow in your faith!

Invest time this week to read through the book of Esther and note all of the things that happen that could be labeled as coincidences (which we know they're not!) and see how many times it's really the visible hand of an invisible God. Some things are in black and white, some things take more thought. There are a LOT if you spend some prayerful time considering them. Journal your thoughts!



CURRENT SERIES



ESTHER

The Visible Workings of an Invisible God

NEW TO NORTHAMPTON

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a Connection Card and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
ESTHER

Visible Workings of an Invisible God

NEXT WEEK:
ESTHER
1:10-22

WORSHIP ORDER

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

WELCOME

GOD IS SO GOOD

OFFERING / SCRIPTURE

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

MESSAGE

HYMN OF HEAVEN

SEND-OFF & PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

Sunday 9:30am

Berean Class
Room 203

Truth & Testimony
Room 202

Alternative Adult Elective
Overflow Room

Thursday 7:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Various Times & Days

LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

More info: nbchurchcf.org

NEXT STEPS

Baptism 101 Class
Sunday, August 29 - 9:00am

Starting Point Lunch
Sunday, August 29 - 12:30pm

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

DRIVE-THRU DONUTS & COFFEE - Wednesday, August 11 [6:30-8:00am]

If you're interested in helping, please plan to be at the church by 6:00am and dress for the weather. Interested in being part of the team? Sign up in the Church Center App!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

+ **CAFE HELP** - if you're able to help coordinate the coffee and cookies on a regular basis on Sunday mornings (once/month), please sign-up in the app!

+ **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - There is an on-going need for people who feel gifted and called to work with children. From the baby room to teaching in the elementary classes, you'd be welcome to join in! All supplies provided. There is a need for Wednesday Night KIDSTOWN help for the Fall as well.

You must pass a background check in order to be able to work with children. Let Kellie Sturm, our Children's Ministry Director, know if you're interested - kellie@nbchurchcf.org.

+ **FIRST IMPRESSIONS** - We are looking for smiling faces to be a part of the team that can help set the tone for guest and regulars at Northampton! If you'd like more information, email firstimpressions@nbchurchcf.org

+ **MEDIA & TECH** - If you have skills in video editing, sound, computers, etc. your help is needed! Sign up in the Church Center App! Training is available.



MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

God is always at work and we see visible evidence of an invisible, loving, intentional God every day!

The Kingdom of God is God's _____,
in God's _____, under God's _____

Woven through the story of Esther are _____
actions of and _____ God.

Main Characters of Esther:

Through God's _____ and in keeping with His _____, God places Esther and Mordecai in positions of power to _____ His people and _____ His enemies.

God is committed to His ultimate plan of _____ that not even Satan can thwart!