

1. We have been learning that God is the only One who is Awesome and is powerful enough to accomplish His will. How have you experienced God's power in your life? How have you seen God's power hindered by sin? How have you seen God work despite sin / people with sinful intentions?

2. Read **Esther 1:10-22**.

What is happening in this part of the story? What character flaws do you see? How do these verses contrast with the first 9 verses and what the king thought of his own power and loyalty of the people? How does the king contrast with the King of Kings (with God, in case you weren't sure)?

While this story is not "our story" - what can you learn from the examples set forth? For instance: Ahasuerus wanted to show off Vashti for his own benefit rather than her. In what ways do we use people for our own good rather than theirs? How can we avoid using others in this way? Why should we?

Why do we need Godly counselors in our lives who push us toward alignment with the Word of God? Who is someone in your life that does this for you? Are you this kind of person for someone else?

3. God used Ahasuerus's wickedness and Vashti's rebellion to open the door for what's to come (spoiler alert!) : Esther's future reign. What does this tell you about God's power and providence? What peace does that give you for whatever happens in the future?

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!

Compare and contrast King Ahasuerus (in chapter 1) with Jesus. When it comes to power, what do you see (ref. Mark 4:39; 5:13, 29, 42; John 19 10-11)? Sacrifice (ref. John 13:4-5; Ephesians 5:25)? Honor (ref. Revelation 5:11-14)? The king is trying to set himself up as an absolute power, but there's only One who is powerful and worthy. Journal your thoughts and insight.



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**

*God is able to leverage all things*

NEXT WEEK:  
**ESTHER**

*God is powerful enough to accomplish His will*

### WORSHIP ORDER

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

NOT TO US

**WELCOME**

COME ALIVE

**OFFERING / SCRIPTURE**

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

**MESSAGE**

LIVING HOPE

**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](http://nbchurchcf.org)**

### NEXT STEPS

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

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

### GET CONNECTED

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 able to leverage all things for His glory and His purposes to build His Kingdom.

### **Through the Book of Esther, we need to keep in-mind...**

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

### **The Plot Thickens...** *Esther 1:10-22*

### **What can we learn about God...**

### **What can we learn about ourselves...**

We have the tendency to be like the king...

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