

1. Have you experienced doing the right thing and the result wasn't what you expected - no reward? bad things? something else? How does that affect your relationship with God when you do the right thing, and seem to get punished for it?

2. Read **Esther 2:19-3:15**

As followers of Jesus, we're called to do the right thing for God's glory (not our own). Did Mordecai do the right thing? If so, what was the reward? If not, what should he have done? Why would you say that?

Why can we be quick to seek earthly rewards and not Kingdom rewards? What steps can we take to have the proper priorities?

The Jews would have been tempted to be anxious and fearful in the wake of the decree that was made by Haman. What visible evidence of an invisible God do you see in these verses? As Christ followers today, what are we tempted to be anxious and fearful about? How can we give those over to the Lord? (Ref. 1 Peter 5:7)

3. Woven through the story of Esther is the fact that God is at work to preserve His people. Despite whatever may happen, whatever is plotted, God is able to leverage it - even the evil choices made to hurt us. How can and should we show compassion to people - even people who conspire against us? Why should we respond this way? (Ref. Galatians 6:10)

4. How can recalling God's faithfulness in the past inspire our trust and reliance on His faithfulness in the present and the future? Spend time in the "Digging Deeper" section for more on this!

DIGGING DEEPER STUDY

God's Promises & Providence

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

As we've looked at many times through the course of the Book of Esther - we see that God, through His providence and according to His promises, is able to preserve His people - no matter the circumstances. Take some time to prayerfully read **Psalms 105 & 106**. The Psalmist recalls God's deliverance for His people. Take it all in. Write down what you learn about God and His power to do what only He can do. May you end in the place the Psalmist does in **Psalm 106:48!**



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:
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When Doing Right Ends Up SO Wrong

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CHILD OF LOVE

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GOODNESS OF GOD

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RUN TO THE FATHER

MESSAGE

STAND IN YOUR LOVE

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

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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 25 [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!

BAPTISM 101 - Sunday, August 29 [9:00-10:15AM]

Interested in learning more about Baptism? Ready to be Baptized? Not sure? This is the class for you! Sign up in the app and plan to join us on August 29 in the Cafe space.

STARTING POINT LUNCH - Sunday, August 29 [12:30-2:00PM]

This is for all new to Northampton attendees who would like to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! Please sign-up today in the app!

REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP LIFE GROUP EXPERIENCE

There are still spots available for this 11-week training LIFE group. It's a great time to connect with a short-term LIFE group and learn a lot about yourself and discipleship as a Christ follower. There are a few spots available, sign-up today! RLD kicks off Wednesday nights starting September 01 at 6:00pm. **If you have registered**, please pick up your workbook from Pastor Joe and come to the first meeting having completed the first week's work!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

All of these can be found in the Church Center App under "Events." There are serving needs and great opportunities for you to connect and make a difference!

CAFE HELP | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | FIRST IMPRESSIONS | MEDIA & TECH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Sunday, September 12** for "Sunday Funday!" We'll be celebrating Baptisms, membership and after the service, we'll have an ice cream truck, balloon bender and more! Invite a friend and join us!

A Christmas in September All-Church Picnic is scheduled for September 19!



MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10

The Tale of Two Plots *Esther 2:19-3:15*

Do the _____ because it's the _____ to do.

As followers of Jesus, we're called to _____ and work for the _____ of all people.

No matter what God's enemies plan, He will _____ His people.

God's plan may involve our living, and it may involve our dying, but it will definitely involve our _____