



*The #1 catalyst for spiritual growth is reading and reflecting on the Bible.  
Use these questions for personal study or as part of a community group experience.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

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This week is all about trusting that God is at work in the things that may seem coincidental. God has a plan for you, you are not just randomly going through life alone.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What did God reveal to you through this Sunday's message?
2. What action or step do you feel God calling you to take and apply from Sunday's message?
3. The story of Esther is filled with "coincidences". Can you identify a time when something appeared coincidental that later proved more significant than you at first thought?
4. What role do you feel God plays in those moments where coincidences seem more significant than originally imagined?
5. Even though God is never directly mentioned in the book of Esther, we certainly see his hand at work. Where do we see Him intervening in this chapter?
6. Pastor John mentioned a covenantal aspect to this story—i.e. God has extended the promise of relationship to us. How does this impact our understanding of Esther's story and God's commitment to seeing it go well?

7. How does the concept of God's covenant affect your understanding of his role in your life?
  
8. In many different places in the Bible, God is described as knowing and choosing individuals (Jeremiah 1:5; 1 Peter 2:9) for a purpose. Have you given much thought to the purpose that God might have for your life?

Do you feel like you have a sense of what his purpose might be? Or do you feel like he is silent when it comes to his purposes for you?

9. If you knew his purpose for your life what difference would that make?
  
10. Read Psalm 138:7-8. How does this passage speak to God's character? What does the author expect from God?
  
11. Note the author's relationship and position before God in Psalm 138:1-2. How do you think this affects his confidence in God and God's response to the author?
  
12. Are you currently going through something that you hope will prove providential? How can your group be praying with you for God's work in the situation?

### **Closing Prayer**

God, thank you for pursuing me and preparing a purpose for my life. Help me when life seems haphazard and random to discover you at work. Give me patience while I trust the plan you have for me and give me faith to follow you when things do not seem hopeful. In Jesus name I pray, amen.