

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Review

Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Colossians 1:9, “Lord, fill me with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”

1. What challenged or encouraged you most from the lecture?
2. What in the commentary helped you understand God’s word?

Day 2: Read Esther 9:1, 1 Corinthians 15:22, 1 Peter 2:24 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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3. In verse 1b, the NIV translation states, “On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.” Explain how the “tables had turned” for the Jews.
4. **Thought Question:** When you think about what happened to Jesus at the cross of Calvary and three days later in that empty tomb, explain how the “tables had turned” for Jesus and his followers during those 3 days over 2,000 years ago.
5. **Personal Question:** Explain how the “tables have turned” in your life because of what Jesus accomplished for you.

6. Using the following verses, what are some ways that Jesus “turned the tables” for us according to:

1 Corinthians 15:22

—1 Peter 2:24—

Day 3: Read Esther 9:2-17 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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7. Briefly summarize what happened in Esther 9:2-17.

8. **Thought Question:** What is a lesson you learned from these verses?

9. **Personal Question:** How will you apply that lesson to your life?

Day 4: Read Esther 9:18-28 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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10. What did all the Jews of the land do in verses 18-19, and what did Mordecai do according to verses 20-22?

11. How did the Jews of the land respond to Mordecai's letters recorded in verses 23-28?
12. **Personal Question:** Why do you think it was important for the Jews to remember God's deliverance through Esther for generations to come?
13. **Thought Question:** What are some things the church today does to regularly remember God's deliverance through Jesus Christ?

Day 5: Read Esther 9:29-10:3 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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14. **Thought Question:** Verse 29 says that Esther and Mordecai wrote with full authority. From whom did they receive their authority?
15. Why was it important that Esther and Mordecai be given the King's authority?
16. What are the final words written about Mordecai in chapter 10?
17. **Personal Question:** Who do you think was more important for the deliverance of the Jews; Esther or Mordecai and why?

Day 6: Read the Book of Esther [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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18. **Thought Question:** As you think back over the Book of Esther, what are some ways that Esther reminds you of Jesus Christ.

19. **Personal Question:** What is your main take away after studying the Book of Esther?

20. **Personal Question:** How did the following people model something you should follow in your life?

King Xerxes –

Mordecai –

Esther –