

**HD – Amplify**  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
April 5-6, 2008

**Community:**

1. Did you grow up going to church? What were your first church experiences like?
2. What is the first Bible story you can remember hearing?
3. What Bible story do you find to be the most unbelievable?

**Core:** Read the entire story of Esther together.

1. Have you ever heard the story of Esther before?
2. Which of the characters in the story of Esther do you find the most interesting? Why?
3. Did you know that Xerxes was the king who fought against the Spartans in the famous battle of Thermopylae? Do you think most people realize that the stories we find in the Bible harmonize with history?
4. Why do you think the church has so often “censored” the telling of Bible stories?
5. Do you think Esther should have resisted being brought into the king’s harem? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think Mordecai wouldn’t bow down to Haman?
7. Read Esther 4:14. What do you think Mordecai meant when he said, “if you remain silent relief for the Jews will come from somewhere else”?
8. What about Esther’s current circumstances could have led her to believe that she didn’t have any influence?
9. What have been some “for such a time as this” moments in your life?
10. What resources and abilities do you have that can be leveraged for God’s purposes?
11. What opportunities have you had or do you have that can be leveraged for God’s purposes?
12. In what way did Bud and Candy’s story impact you?

**Challenge:**

1. Read the story of Esther this week.
2. Memorize Esther 4:14



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**Weekend Services** | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm