

Leaders Guide

Point Groups Fall '25

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Week 7 // November 1-2

Leader Notes

- Take some time to review your sermon notes from the Esther Series. This week is going to be a wrap up and review of the past few weeks.
- **Make sure you mention our announcements! Most are missed on Sunday, we're counting on YOU!**

Attendance

- Make sure you take the time to get your attendance in! We can't love our people well if we don't know where they are... If you're having trouble, please let us know.
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Upcoming Events

Any info can be found @pointharbor.com/events

- **Parent Workshop November 5th 7-8pm**
Parenting can be both rewarding and challenging—you don't have to navigate it alone. Join us for our monthly Parent Workshop, held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7–8pm. Each session is designed to equip and encourage parents with practical tools, biblical wisdom, and a supportive community. Dinner & Childcare Provided. Register online - \$5
- **Summer 2026 (June 23-26)**
Student Camp – Super Early Bird pricing ends this week! Register on the Church website before Nov 1st to lock in the lowest rate. This week is going to be a massive investment in the spiritual development of your 7-12th grader. Don't miss it.
- **Nov 6th Financial Peace University**
Take control of your money and discover the peace that comes with managing it God's way. Join us for Financial Peace University, a 5-week course starting Thursday, November 6 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. *Sign Up Online*
- **Nov 9th**
Kid's Baptism Class (Register Online) & Point Harbor Students' Friendsgiving (6-8pm)

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Warm Up

Thinking about a large, still unanswered, prayer you have in this season... How would you celebrate and glorify God if that prayer were suddenly answered *tomorrow*?

Discussion Tip: First, prepare something for this question. Second, allow the mood of the group to be “celebratory.” Encourage people to get excited about what it would be like if these “big prayers” were suddenly answered.

Know It

Take the time to skim Esther 7-10 & review sermon notes from this series before answering.

Looking back at chapters 1–6, how has Esther's character evolved from the woman who was "taken" into the palace to the woman who approaches the king uninvited? What moments marked her transformation?

Timeline for Discussion:

1. Esther is taken into the King's Harem. She is passive, hides her identity, and listens to Mordecai's instructions.
2. Esther becomes queen, and still hides her identity. Gains influence and favor, but hasn't yet used her position for others.
3. Esther Calls for a fast amongst all the people. Showing spiritual leadership and a growing faith in God.
4. Esther steps into a role of influence, reveals her identity, and risks everything to speak to the King on behalf of her people.

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In Esther 7, Esther finally reveals her identity and makes her plea. What risk was she still taking even at this moment? How does she appeal to the king's heart and authority?

Discussion Tip: Steer your group into discussing how risky it would have been to walk in on the king without invitation. Not only could Esther have died, but there could have been additional fallout for her people.

Read Esther 8:1–8. Even after Haman's downfall, the original decree couldn't be reversed. How did God provide a solution through Persian law? What does this teach us about how God works within our limitations and systems?

Discussion Tip: Steer your group to discussing how silly it is for us to look at the world, *that GOD CREATED*. And feel that God can't fix our situation.

The book ends with the establishment of Purim (Esther 9:20–32). Why do you think it was important for the Jewish people to create an ongoing memorial of this deliverance? What does this say about the value of remembering God's faithfulness?

Leader Tip: This is a good time to point people back to the icebreaker and talk about times that they commemorate when God does something big in their lives.

Reflecting on the entire book: God's name is never mentioned, yet His fingerprints are everywhere. Where do you see God's sovereignty most clearly displayed from beginning to end? How does this "hidden God" theme challenge or comfort you?

Discussion Tip: This is a great time to discuss the reality of God always working, even when we don't "feel" like anything is happening.

Live It

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Esther's story shows us that God can use anyone—even those who feel compromised, fearful, or unqualified. Where do you need to stop disqualifying yourself and start trusting that God has positioned you "for such a time as this"?

The Jews celebrated their deliverance by establishing Purim—a lasting reminder of God's faithfulness. What practice or rhythm could you establish this week to help you remember and celebrate how God has worked in your own story?

Leadership Tip: Sit here and let people share what they believe they need to do. This question is us putting what we have learned into practice.

How can your Point Group pray for you regarding what was discussed this week