



# TLC Life Groups

Growing Together

Esther Series #3

- **WELCOME** (Icebreaker) 15 min.

📖 **Life Group Leader** – *select the best icebreaker for your group.*

1. What do you sense society believes are the most important qualities in a person?
2. What would you say are your three best qualities?
3. Think of a time when you stood up for your beliefs. How did that affect you?

- **WORSHIP AND WAITING ON GOD** (*Upreach*) 35 min.

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.

### Ministry

Allow time for and encourage each Life Group member to edify others with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

- **WORD** (*Inreach*) 30 min.

## Standing Firm - Esther 3:1-11

📖 **Life Group Leader** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your cell group. Try to keep your discussion to 30 minutes or less.*

### Explore It

1. What did Mordecai refuse to do?
2. Why did the royal officers at the King's gate tell Haman about Mordecai's behavior?
3. What was Haman's response to Mordecai's refusal to bow down to him?
4. How did Haman use his authority to punish Mordecai?

### Apply It

1. What can we learn from this passage about standing firm in our beliefs?
2. How does the world pressure us to compromise our convictions?
3. What have you had to risk or give up to stay true to your convictions?
4. How has God helped you to be strong in your faith?
5. Why are Christians harassed and persecuted for their belief?
6. Why do we sometimes waver about our beliefs when we feel intimidated?
7. How can you better prepare yourself to stand up for your beliefs, in spite of pressure or persecution?

- **WORK** (Share The Vision) *(Outreach)* 10 min.
  - Plan a summer outreach. *Where? When? Who? What* will each one of us do to prepare for the outreach?
  - Pray for the outreach. Pray specifically for people that you would like to attend the outreach.
  
- Recite the Life Group vision and strategy:
  - The Vision:** "Multiplication through Discipleship"
  - The Strategy:** Win, Connect, Train, Send
  - Our Motivation:** "Living on the Line - seeing life from an eternal perspective."