

WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church? We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team!

Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 8:30am | 10:00am | *11:30am (*Spanish Translation) We need your help! Scan the QR code to sign up and volunteer.



SERMON

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you in three ways:

HEAD: Gaining insights and information to unlock deeper understanding of the Bible.

HEART: Helping you see how every book of the Bible points to Jesus so you can know Him more intimately, love Him more passionately, and walk with Him more faithfully.

HANDS: Applying His Living Word to every aspect of your daily life and relationships.

DAILY BIBLE READING

God wants to speak to your head, heart, and hands not just on Sundays, but each and every day. We have provided a Daily Reading Plan with selected passages for you to read each day. We encourage you to use the SOAP study method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and life application of the Bible. Daily Bible Reading Plan booklets are available at *purposechurch.com/bible* to guide you through the whole year.

WEEKLY LIFE GROUP

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER! You will get much more out of this study if you join a Life Group. You and your group members will bring what you learn from your daily reading and sermons to discuss and encourage one another to live out these truths. To join a group for any part of this study, go to *purposechurch.com/groups* or contact us at *groups@purposechurch.com*

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you! Please stop by the prayer room after the service and we can pray with you. Or submit a prayer request online. *purposechurch.com/prayer*

GIVING

Offering boxes are available in the lobby on Sundays. Or give online at *purposechurch.com/give*

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ESTHER: OUR DIVINE ADVOCATE March 26, 2023 / Pastor Claire Colinco

- **Content:** The story of God's providential preservation of Jews throughout the Persian Empire through Mordecai and his cousin, Esther
- **Historical coverage:** Most of the story takes place during a single year during the reign of Xerxes (486-465 B.C.), a generation before the events recorded in Ezra-Nehemiah
- **Emphases:** God's providential care of the Jews in a context of a massacre against them; Jewish remembrance of their survival through the feast of Purim

Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart

Esther 1:1, 4, 10-13, 19; 2:2-7, 10, 15, 17

3 TRUTHS ABOUT GOD IN THE STORY OF ESTHER

1. God is a Giver of _

Psalm 46:10 Esther 3:1-2, 5-6, 8-11; 4:1, 3, 8, 10-11, 12-16

God doesn't need us to fulfill His plans. Instead, He _____ us to be a part of His plans with Him.

Esther 5:2-3; 7:3-6; 8:5-6, 8, 11; 9:21-22

3. God _____ His people.

1 John 2:1-2

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- With God: Lord, what is one way you are asking me to be obedient to You?
- With Others: What is the one way God is asking you to be obedient to Him? How can I support you as you take this next step with Him?

Fill in the blanks: opportunities, invites, protects

JESUS ON EVERY PAGE READING PLAN

March 19-25 Nehemiah - Jesus: Our Rebuilder of the Broken

Week 12 - Day 1	Nehemiah 1
Week 12 - Day 2	Nehemiah 2
Week 12 - Day 3	Nehemiah 3
Week 12 - Day 4	Nehemiah 4
Week 12 - Day 5	Nehemiah 6
Week 12 - Day 6	Nehemiah 8
Week 12 - Day 7	Nehemiah 13

March 26—April 1 Esther - Jesus: Our Divine Advocate

- Week 13 Day 1 Esther 1
- Week 13 Day 2 Esther 2
- Week 13 Day 3 Esther 3
- Week 13 Day 4 Esther 4
- Week 13 Day 5 Esther 5
- Week 13 Day 6 Esther 7
- Week 13 Day 7 Esther 9:20-32
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