

Week beginning 30th August 2015
Women's voices, women's lives
Esther: Captive in a strange land

Life Groups at



St Barnabas

Welcome



If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

15 mins 30/8

Worship



Share anything to thank God for over the summer and spend some time in thanksgiving together. Sing some songs.

20 mins 30/8

Word

In chapter 1 King Xerxes deposes his queen, Vashti, for refusing to obey a command.

Esther 2-3

1. What factors in Esther's life are outside her control?
2. What could she control?
3. What details of the story give you insight into Mordecai's character?

Esther 4

5. How did Mordecai handle this outrage against the Jews?
6. What arguments does he use to persuade Esther to act?
7. Have you ever fasted? What was the reason and what was the result?
8. When difficult circumstances arise, do you have difficulty believing that God is at work behind the scenes?
9. In what ways does Esther overcome her circumstances?
10. What do you do when circumstances hem you in?
11. God is not mentioned in the book of Esther. How is Esther's reply (v15,16) a confession of faith?

This study ends on a cliffhanger! We will look at the rest of the story in the next study, so people may want to read the rest of Esther before next time.

45 mins 30/8



Witness

The new Alpha course starts on Wednesday 23rd September. Pray for those who will attend and anyone you might invite.



10 mins 30/8