



# Christ Our Hope Bible Church

Small Group Questions for the week of: January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

At COHBC we are going through a series on *Portraits of Living Faith*. As you reflect on these believers' walk of faith, may you be moved to greater trust in God.

## Esther

1. How do we see God's sovereign hand orchestrating the events leading up to Esther becoming queen of Persia? (ch. 1-2) What were some fears that she may have wrestled with that could parallel our own challenges in trusting our sovereign God?
2. What is Haman's wicked plot? What is his motivation? (ch. 3) How does Mordecai appeal to Esther? (ch. 4) How does Esther respond to Mordecai's appeal? (4:15-5:8)?
3. How does God humble Haman? (ch. 5:9-6:14) How does God use Esther to thwart the threat against the Jews? (ch. 7-9) What do you learn about God's sovereign providence from the story of Esther? How do these truths apply to your life?

## Hannah: *1 Samuel 1-2*

4. Describe the discouraging situation that Hannah faced. (1:1-8) What emotions and feelings do you think she battled with?
5. What does Hannah do out of her desperation? (1:9-18) How does God answer Hannah's prayer? (1:19-20) How does Hannah keep her commitment to God? (1:21-28) What does this show about her walk with God?
6. What aspects of God's character does Hannah's song of thanksgiving bring out? (2:1-10) Which of these has the greatest implication for your life today?

### Application:

What would God have you apply from these Scriptures?

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*"Displaying the glory of God by delighting in Him and declaring His truth."*