



## The Stunning Reversal Leaders Tips

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### Connect

If the rules of the game were switched on you at halftime, how would you respond? Cry foul? Suit up for battle? Join them?

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### Commit to Growth

Read *Esther 8*

1. **List all the ways that God rewards Esther and Mordecai through the king.**

Help the group see how God provided: King Xerxes awards the estate of Haman to Esther. Mordecai becomes manager of Haman's estate. Mordecai gets to act on behalf of king (signet ring) and is dressed in royal robes. Refer to Pastor Rick's message for more insights.

2. **What's the most "stunning reversal" in this story to you so far? Why?**

Refer to Pastor Rick's message and unpack the significance of each of these reversals for the members of your group.

3. **What do verses 3-6 reveal about Esther's character and heart?**

In these verses, Esther shows her deep compassion and concern for her people. Her motivation is not out of concern for her own well-being, but for that of her people. Ask, how this example motivates the members of the group to live differently.

4. **Read Esther 8:15-17. What is the response of the Jews to God's provision and protection?**

Chapter 4 describes how the Jews responded to the first edict and turn to God for his mercy and protection. In this chapter, we see the results of God's provision for them. They respond with joy and thank God for His provision with celebration.

5. **How do you respond to the good things in your life? In what ways might you respond so that you give honor to God and win others into the kingdom?**

This is the application question to the previous question. Discuss ways we celebrate God's faithfulness and give testimony to his good work in our lives to others.

6. **Where in your life do you need a "stunning reversal"? How can the members of the group pray for you in regards to this?**