



**OVERCOMING**  
THE  
**HOLLOW**  
LIFESTYLE

**FCBC Fresno**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Announcements: Dr. Jack Patton

Children's Time

*"Better Word"*

**Call to worship: "Word of God"**

P: Father, when I come to you hungry, Perhaps it's because I haven't fed properly from your word.

**ALL: Word of God, feed me.**

P: There are times when I lose my way; I feel like I'm going round in circles, unsure of my next step.

**ALL: Word of God, lead me.**

P: When I'm stuck in repetitive habits, I know that you have more for me outside of this mediocrity.

**ALL: Word of God, shake me.**

P: Parts of my heart are cold towards the world you love. Fill me with your compassion.

**ALL: Word of God, break me.**

P: "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword."

**ALL: Feed me with your wisdom, lead me with your love, shake me with your reality, break me with your perspective and rebuild me with your Holy Spirit's power during this time of worship. Amen.**

*"Ever Be"*

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Special Music "*Out of My Hands*" Praise Team

**Message: Overcoming the Hollow Lifestyle**

**This week read Esther 1:1-12**

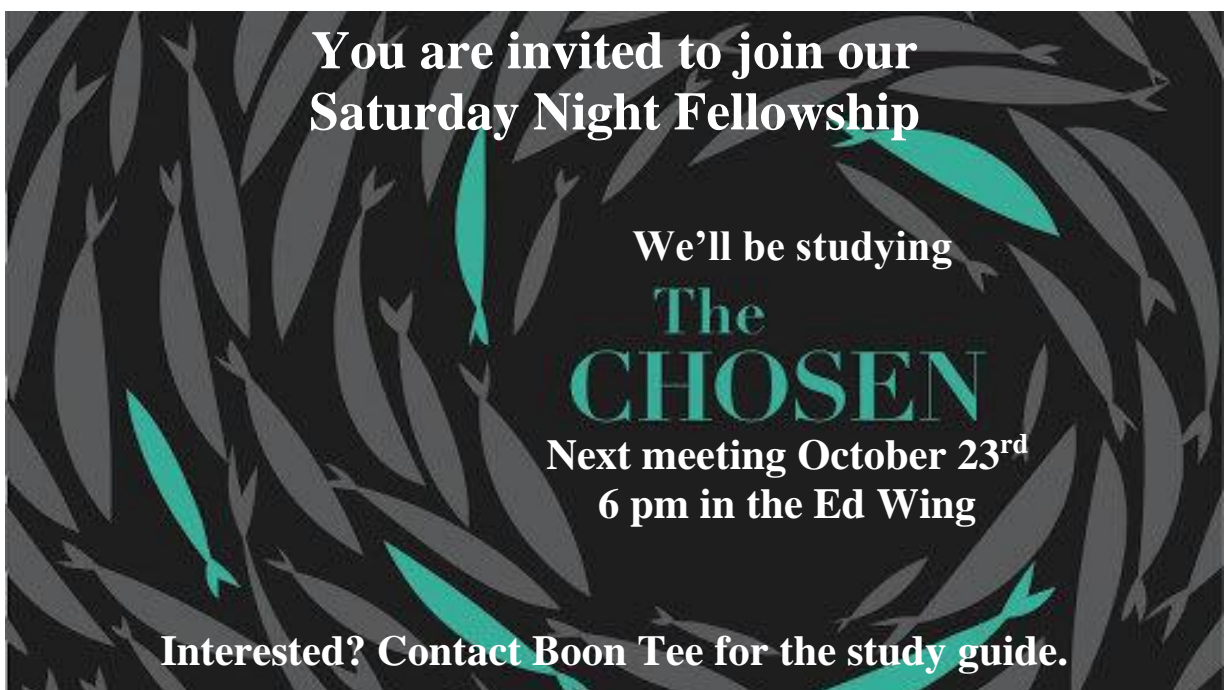
- **What was King Xerxes' mission in life?**
- **How did Queen Vashti affect Xerxes' mission?**

Read Genesis 1:27-28 & Genesis 3:5

- What was God's original mission for men and women?

*"How Great is Our God"*

God be With You Until We Meet Again!



**You are invited to join our  
Saturday Night Fellowship**

We'll be studying  
**The  
CHOSEN**

Next meeting **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6 pm in the Ed Wing**

**Interested? Contact Boon Tee for the study guide.**





WE'VE BEEN  
**surprised** *by*  
GOD'S GLORY

JUAN 1:16

**GUARDIANS OF  
GOD'S CREATION**

**RICARDO MAYOL-BRACERO,  
GUATEMALA**

For thirty years, Ricardo Mayol-Bracero has stood alongside communities in Latin America to help defend and support their access to clean water, air, and the land needed to grow healthy food, first as an IM global servant and now as a regional consultant. In partnership with Christian leaders and churches across eleven countries, he has formed RECONPAZ (the Continental Christian Network for Peace) to connect churches and believers while empowering them to defend their human rights and advocate for environmental stewardship.

In Guatemala, RECONPAZ has helped to prevent a foreign mining company from hoarding and contaminating water throughout the area with arsenic and cadmium, offering legal support and making appeals to the country's courts. Ricardo and RECONPAZ are involved in many efforts like this one and advocate for justice to protect these communities' natural resources and, in essence, their very lives. Ricardo also shares projects, like rainwater harvesting systems, that help communities improve their own living conditions.

"As Christians, we want to stand with these communities, and we want to expose reckless practices such as those of the mining company, which affect Latin American populations now and for generations to come," Ricardo says. "As Elijah disclosed the injustice regarding Naboth's Vineyard (1 Kings 21:1-21), we work peacefully to call out the wrong with tenderness and firmness. These communities call us to join, to be with them, as guardians of God's creation."

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Pray that God will open the eyes and ears of those who do not see or hear the groans of creation and her caregivers.
2. Pray that the Lord will make us brave to be prophets of justice against those who destroy his majestic work.

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