

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Review

Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Psalm 143:5-6, "Father, I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land."

1. What challenged or encouraged you most from the lecture?
2. What in the commentary helped you understand God's word?

Day 2: Read Esther 1:1-8, Ephesians 5:18, 1 Peter 5:8 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#) *Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

3. Briefly some characteristics of King Xerxes using verses 1-8.
4. How might the activities described in verses 7 and 8 have contributed to the problems between King Xerxes and his wife?
5. How could the principles expressed in the following cross references have made a difference in the outcome of the King's banquet?

Ephesians 5:18 –

1 Peter 5:8 –

Personal Question: How might you apply this in your life?

Day 4: Read Esther 2:1-18, Psalm 5:12, Psalm 84:11, Proverbs 3:3-4

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9. In verses 1-4, summarize the King's attendants proposal.
10. From verses 5-7, who were Mordecai and Esther and what was their relationship to each other?
11. In verses 8-18, write down every time Esther won the favor of someone. Give the verse and who it was that was favorably disposed toward her.
- In verse _____, Esther won the favor of _____.
- In verse _____, Esther won the favor of _____.
- In verse _____, Esther won the favor of _____.
12. What is something you learn about God's favor from the following verses: (Note: Some translations use grace rather than favor.)
- Psalm 5:12-
- Psalm 84:11-
- Proverbs 3:3-4-
13. **Personal Question:** What are some ways you have received God favor?

Day 5: Read Esther 2:19-23 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

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14. Why do you think Mordecai instructed Esther to keep her Jewish heritage a secret?

15. How does verse 20 address Esther's character?

16. Using verses 22-23, summarize what Mordecai's response to what he heard while sitting at the City Gate, and what was the result?

17. **Thought Question:** To what or who do you attribute Mordecai appearing "in the right place at the right time?"

18. **Personal Question:** When you have seemed to have been at the "right place at the right time" and to whom do you attribute it?

Day 6: Read Esther 2, Psalm 4:8, Matthew 5:43-45, Luke 1:52 [\[Open NIV\]](#)
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19. What is something you learn about God's providence (control) from the following verses:

Psalm 4:8 –

Matthew 5:43-45 –

Luke 1:52 –

20. **Personal Question:** What is your main take away from Esther 1 and 2?