

Adult Sunday School – Ruth and Esther
Small Group Questions for February 26, 2023

1. Many people find the Book of Esther to be a challenge, because it never once mentions God. Do you find this to be an issue? Why or Why Not?
2. For me Esther, while historical, also tells a story as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago. What parts do you find relevant?
3. The pivotal moment in chapter one is when Queen Vashti defies the king by refusing to appear and be put on display. How risky was the queen's defiance? Why is this important?
4. The King's 'advisors' were shaken to the core by this act of defiance. Why were they concerned? What did they advise the King to do?
5. At this time the word of the king was law and could not be walked back or changed. The importance of this is reinforced here (and plays a pivotal role in later chapters). The advisors believe they are going to use this decree, discussed in verse 20, to remove the head strong Vasti, reestablish male dominance, and supplant Vasti with someone they can more easily control. How do you think this is going to turn out?