

## Ruth and Esther – Study Questions for January 8, 2023

1. What did you think and/or how did you feel about today's teaching?
2. Who is the female character in the OT that most appeals to you? Least appeals to you? Why?
3. Contrast how you think God intended men and women to partner with one another versus how it has played out over time in our world. What lessons do you learn from all this?
4. Some cradle Episcopalians will remember a time when women had to cover their head in church, couldn't serve as priests, deacons, lay eucharistic ministers, on vestries or even as acolytes. How does that history make you more or less appreciative of the role of women at SJD today?