

Our **Virtual** PowerGroup

Esther Week 6 Study

Icebreaker

Who is the wisest woman or man you know on earth? What have they said, done, or taught that made them so wise to you?

Passage 1 **Esther 5:1-8**

Reflection How many days had it been that Esther prayed, fasted, prepared, and waited on the Lord? Esther 4:14-16

What are your first thoughts and/or reactions to this scripture? How does this passage encourage you on the topic of coming to God in prayer?

Explain what you think was going through her heart and mind right before she entered the king's hall?

Why do you think Esther invited Haman to the banquet too?

How did the king respond to Esther? Why do you think he responded as he did?

How did Esther reveal her true concern?

What may have kept Esther from telling the king her request immediately?

Passage 2 Esther 5:9-13

Reflection What was bothering Haman? How did he deal with his anger?

How would you describe Haman's character? What effect do these qualities have in our lives if they are present in us or in others?

What do you gather about Haman's wife from this passage?

Last week we saw how Esther had self-control in her great crisis of confrontation with Mordecai. In today's passage she demonstrates great restraint and wisdom again as she goes before the king. Tell about a time or crisis in your life where you had to use restraint or self-control? What recently or in the past few months has God been using in your life to produce more self-control in your life?

Has there been a time where your pride prompted you to overreact when the circumstance didn't necessarily call for an extreme response? How did you grow from that situation or what did you learn about yourself from that situation?

Application

What is the difference between prayer and intercession? (intercession is a specific type of prayer/communication with God, that deals with making a request or petition on behalf of someone or something) Has God called you to intercede for someone or something lately, how did it go?

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