

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Esther
Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

What are some character traits you can use to describe yourself? Who in the Bible can you relate to the most in terms of their character?

Passage 1 **Esther 1:1-9**

Reflection **GOD IS SILENT, BUT HE IS NOT ABSENT**

God himself nor his name are ever mentioned in the story of Esther. Have you ever felt like God is silent but you know He is not absent? Share your story? What are the times that you feel that way?

As we start reading this story, we need to become more aware of the story's main characters in the reflections below.

Passage 2 **Esther 1:1-9**

Reflection *King Xerxes (Esther's Husband)*

What are some character traits that you picked up on in reading about king Xerxes?

Passage 3 **Esther 2:21-23**

Reflection *Mordecai (Esther's Uncle)*

What are some character traits that you picked up on in reading about Mordecai?

Passage 4 Esther 3:1-5

Reflection *Haman (Esther's Opposition)*

What are some character traits that you picked up on in reading about Haman?

Passage 5 Esther 1

Reflection The passage does not give a definite reason as to why Vashti refused to make an appearance. What is your take on her refusal?

The King's royal officials and advisors seem very hasty and extreme in their advice. In your opinion, should these men be trusted? Why or why not?

On what grounds did the King dismiss Vashti? What does this reveal about his ego, nature, and character?

Journal