

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

**Esther**  
Week 7 Study

## Icebreaker

Have you ever had a moment when you could finally tell the truth about something that you had to keep a secret for a long time? How did it go or how did you feel leading up to the moment, in the moment, and after the fact?

## Passage 1 **Esther 7:1-7**

**Reflection** How did Esther present her request? Why might she have done it this way?

What was Xerxes' first reaction to Esther's request? How had the mood of the banquet changed?

How do you think Esther must have felt going into this second banquet? Can you give any evidence that she was prepared to answer the question, "What is your petition, up to half the kingdom?"

Why do you think the king ran out of the building once Esther accused Haman? What do you think was running through his mind in that moment?

## Passage 2 2 Samuel 11 | 2 Samuel 12:1-7a

**Reflection** How does this story relate to Esther 7:5-6? How are these two stories similar in identifying the wrongdoing of a reluctant confessor?

The name Satan means "adversary." Read the following scriptures and describe the character of Satan. Compare his character to Haman who Esther describes as an enemy and adversary as well:

1 Peter 5:8

Ezekiel 28:17

Isaiah 14:13-14

Luke 4:13

John 8:44

Has there been a time in your life or recently where you experienced any attack from Satan in any of the ways listed above? What helped you to overcome the attack or receive a breakthrough?

## Application

Telling the truth about ourselves cost us. It makes us vulnerable. Beth Moore states, "Sometimes you simply decide that people are worth telling on yourself." Our small group is a soft and safe place to fall. Is there any area in your life you would like to share about that you currently need encouragement in from us this week?

## Journal