

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in this reading of His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Esther 5 straight through, as you would any book. You can read on, but for this study week we will concentrate on this Chapter.

Questions:

1. In **V2-5**, what were the actions of the King and the character traits those actions revealed?

2. In **V6**, what was the King doing, and what did he again ask and promise to Esther?

3. a) How did Esther respond, and what was her tone in **V7-8**?

b) Why do you think she made this request two times instead of coming right out with her intended request?

4. From this passage, what qualities do you admire in Esther? What qualities make her a Godly leader?

5. Contrast the two emotions Haman felt when he went home in **V9**?

6. Based on **V13** write a truth that is common to fallen man.

7. What do you learn about Haman's wife and friends based on the advice they gave in **V14**?

8. In **V9-14**, what characteristics do you see in Haman?

9. Consider the contrast of Esther's and Haman's character in this chapter. Where in your own life do you see the qualities of Esther and/or of Haman?

10. In what current situation do you want to respond with the humility and patience of Esther? Write a prayer to the Lord asking Him to help you respond out of humility rather than pride.

For Possible Reflection: Focus verse: / prayer / quote