BEFORE THE MEETING

To have a great discussion, every member of the group should read the book of Esther. It’s ten chapters, but don’t treat the reading like homework. Consider it an opportunity to spend a little time with your heavenly Father. Don’t try to read the chapters all at once (and definitely not a few hours before the group meeting begins). Read a little bit every day. If you do that, it won’t seem like a lot to tackle.

Here’s a good plan for reading the chapters:


DURING THE MEETING

ICEBREAKERS

1. When have you experienced a sudden change in your fortunes?
2. Describe a time when you took on more risk than you were comfortable with. What prompted you to take that risk? What happened?
3. As you read the book of Esther, did anything stand out to you?

Watch Video Together (The Story of Esther)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you learn anything new or surprising from the video? Did it change the way you view the book of Esther? If so, how?
2. Even though God is never mentioned in the book of Esther, did you feel his presence in the story as you read it? Explain.
3. Have you ever broken a rule, law, or cultural standard in order to do the right thing? If so, what happened?
4. How do you tend to view God’s activity in your life? For example, is he active in orchestrating events and relationships, or do you see him as more of a hands-off character in the background who occasionally shows up?

APPLYING WHAT YOU’VE LEARNED

Think about the position you’re in, the relationships you have, and the talents, gifts, and resources available to you. What do you think God might be doing in and through those things?