



## **A Banquet**

### **Esther 5 Study Guide**

1. Read Esther 5:1-8. How is it that in the midst of such a crisis, Esther seemed to be so calm?
2. Read Romans 8:6. Discuss how the mind set on the Spirit gives life and peace in the context of Esther 5.
  - a. “Life”- Why did Esther not jump on the offer of half the kingdom? How does having our minds set on the Spirit keep us from selling ourselves short to accepting a temporary ‘half-kingdom’ rather than an eternal full kingdom?  
Read Hebrews 13:5. How does this verse impact you?
  - b. “Peace”- How does Esther display ‘peace’ in this process?  
How have you been trying to push the hand of God?  
How can you intentionally slow down enough to allow God to do His work?
3. Read Esther 5:9-14. Observe through Haman’s example how having your mind set on the flesh is death:
  - a. Immediate gratification
  - b. Self-focus
  - c. Unsatisfied
  - d. Dead
4. What can we intentionally do to help keep our minds set on the Spirit?