



Esther A Queen

1. Take a few moments to recap Esther 2. What is happening in this brief narrative?
2. What do most admire about Mordecai and Esther's character?
3. Reading Esther in 2016- what are the more complicated parts of the story? What are some of the tensions or some of the messiness that you struggle with in this passage?
4. What instances do you see God at work in this passage? In your opinion, what is his strategy?
5. One of the implications of living in exile is that your culture changes over time. There is a good chance that Mordecai and Esther are not "good" or observant Jews. What does that tell you about God's character?
6. As an encouragement to one another, share stories of how God has worked through your undesirable circumstances to fulfill a greater purpose.
7. Pray for those who feel like they are in the middle of undesirable circumstances and struggling to see God's purposes.