

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Advice Scenes in Esther

Scene #1: Esther 1:19

Scene #2: Esther 3:8-9

Scene #3: Esther 7:3-4

Questions

- a. In these scenes, how would readers understand the king's way of decision making?
- b. Do you see anything in common or different in those who gave advice to the king?
- c. Can you tell the difference of decision making between the king and Esther?

3. Read Ch. 8

4. Discussion

- a. Compare Ch. 8 with Ch. 3
- b. Esther continued to request in verses 3-6. Why did she request to the king?
- c. Why do you think the king didn't revoke his former decree?
- d. What rewards did Esther and Mordecai receive?
- e. How is Esther described in this chapter?
- f. What does this story tell you about what happens when you confront your 'king'?
- g. How do you understand the last verse of Ch. 8?
- h. What would be the lesson in this chapter?

5. Closing Prayer