




TLC Life Groups

Growing Together

Esther Series #1

- **WELCOME (Icebreaker)** 15 min.

 **Life Group Leader** – *select the best icebreaker for your group.*

1. What are some of the benefits of power and prestige?
2. What do people like so much about banquets and feasts?
3. If you could ask Jesus to change one thing in the world today, what would it be.

- **WORSHIP AND WAITING ON GOD** (Upreach) 35 min.

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.


Ministry

Allow time for and encourage each Life Group member to edify others with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

- **WORD** (Inreach) 30 min.

Introduction - Esther 1:1-22

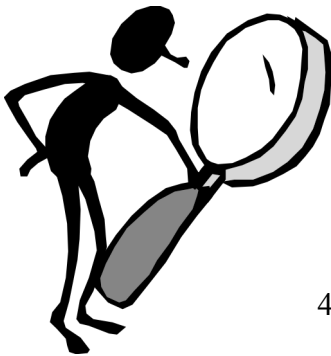
 **Life Group Leader** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions.*

Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your cell group.

Try to keep your discussion to 30 minutes or less.

Explore It

1. What is the background of this story? (1:1-3)
2. Who attended the king's banquet? (1:3-5)
3. How is the setting of the banquet described? (1:5-8)
4. What motivated the king to summon the queen on the seventh day of the banquet? (1:10)
5. Why did the king want Queen Vashti to leave her own banquet to come to his? (1:11)
6. How did Queen Vashti respond to the king's command? (1:12)
7. Whom did the king consult about what to do about the queen's disobedience? (1:13-14)
8. What advice did the wise men give to King Xerxes? (1:16-20)
9. What fear did the wise men have about the ramifications of Queen Vashti's behavior? (1:17-18)



10. What impact did the wise men want the king's decree to have in the kingdom? (1:19-20)
11. What did the king decide to do about Queen Vashti? (1:21-22)
12. How did Vashti's actions affect all the women in the kingdom? (1:22)

Apply It

1. Why was it so important to the king that he punish the queen for her disobedience?
 2. When have your actions had greater ramifications than you originally expected?
 3. What are some consequences you have experienced for standing up for what was right?
 4. What can you do today to set an example for someone else?
- **WORK** (Share The Vision) *(Outreach)* 10 min.
 - Are you discipling (mentoring) someone?
 - Are you encouraging your disciples to multiply?
 - Pray for each other to catch the vision and to follow through with the strategy.

 - Recite the Life Group vision and strategy:
The Vision: "Multiplication through Discipleship"
The Strategy: Win, Connect, Train, Send
Our Motivation: "Living on the Line - seeing life from an eternal perspective."