**ESTHER: God’s Faithfulness in Action**

Esther 1:1-12

1) What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the Book of Esther?

2) What is unique about the book of Esther from all other Biblical books?

3) Why do you think that God would have it written this way?

4) Using other resources, find out what you can about King Ahasuerus.

5) Read Ezra 4:1-6. What was happening in Judah at the time of Esther?

6) What is the setting as we begin the book of Esther?

7) Who was invited to King Ahasuerus’ party?

8) Describe what happened in Isaiah 39:1-4.

9) According to verse 5, what did the king do after the 180-day feast?

10) How is the court of the garden described?

11) What was the king’s rule concerning the consumption of alcohol?

12) Who is introduced to us in verse 9?

13) What was the state of King Ahasuerus on the last day of the feast?

14) What was his command? Why do you think he did this?

15) Why do you think Vashti refused?

16) How did the king respond?

17) [personal] What is your goal for studying the book of Esther?