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

Esther 1:13-22

1) [review] What is the setting for the beginning of this book?

2) Explain some of the reasoning for Ahasuerus’ fit of anger?

3) Who does the king turn to about his wife’s disobedience?

4) What does it mean that they “knew the times?”

5) Read Ezra 7:11-14. What does this teach about the seven Persian counsellors?

6) How does Esther 1:14 describe them?

7) Why do you think the king inquired about the law in regards to Vashti?

8) Who is Memucan?

9) According to Memucan, who had Vashti wronged?

10) What is his reasoning behind the statement?

11) In verse 18, what will be the result when all of the women hear of Vashti’s insubordination?

12) What royal decree was proposed to the king?

13) What was the king’s response?

14) What message was sent to all of the royal provinces?

15) How do you see God working in all of these events?

16) [personal] Read Proverbs 21:1. How does this verse affect your faith and peace in times of political turmoil?