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Scriptures: The Book of Esther

- 1. What is your favorite Bible story? What is the primary lesson from the story?
- 2. Can you name the two books of the Bible that never mention God? Someone has said, "The complete absence of God from the text (of Esther) is the genius of the book, from which its hope and encouragement flow to us today." What do you think they meant?
- 3. Why do you think Esther hid her Jewish identity? What does this tell us about the Persian society and the Jewish people in exile?
- 4. Mordecai and the other Jews laid in sackcloth and ashes when they heard the king's edict to kill the Jews? What is the modern-day equivalent to sackcloth and ashes?
- 5. Has anyone in the group ever fasted? What was the last thing you can remember fasting for?
- 6. Haman is sometimes referenced as an example of the self-destructive nature of pride. Discuss how you see that in the life of Haman.
- 7. Haman's goal was the total annihilation of the Jewish people. What Old Testament promise assures us that he would have never been successful in that goal?
- 8. How would you explain the difference between God's sovereignty and God's providence?
- 9. How have you seen God's hand of providence active in your life in the last couple of weeks?
- 10. Ask for volunteers to share about something courageous they have done for God.