

Week Two
Esther 2:1-18

Day One

Read Esther 2:1-4

Who would become queen?

What would be done to prepare them for the king's presence?

At the very beginning of this chapter, we see that the king remembered Vashti and possibly began to miss her but he also remembered what he decreed about her - something that could not be taken back.

Has there been a time when you said something or did something that, in your mind, could not be taken back?

What will you do today that will begin to mend that relationship?

Look at verses 2-3 and compare these verses in Esther to the treatments we are given as children of God by searching with your concordance for the following words and phrases. (If you don't have a concordance, go to www.biblegateway.com.)

"search" (How does God search for us?)

"placed under the care" (How are we placed under the care of the Holy Spirit?)

"beauty treatments be given" (What transformation do we encounter as new believers?)

Day Two

Read Esther 2:5-11

From verses 5-7, name everything known about Esther.

What does God say "beauty" is?

Who took care of the virgins who came to the citadel of Susa?

What did he do special for Esther and why?

What did Mordecai forbid Esther to do?

Why do you think Esther continued to obey Mordecai even though she was not under his care anymore?

Do you think Esther was in God's will? Why or why not?

How do you know you are in God's will?

Day Three

Read Esther 2:12-18

What was the process each girl went through before seeing the king?

In today's society, what do you think young girls would take with them to impress the king?

What would we call these women today?

Why do you think Esther took nothing with her?

In day two, you were asked how God defines beauty. How do you define beauty?

How do you believe your King is seeing you today?

What happened when Esther went before the king?

Day Four

Read Esther 2:12-18

Who was at Esther's banquet?

How do you think this banquet was different from the first banquet in chapter one?

Why do you think the king was so happy?

How do you think Esther felt?

What can we do when we are overwhelmed in a situation and there's no one we can talk to that will help us through that period?

Day Five

Read Esther 2:1-18

In what ways are you like Esther?

What have you learned new this week?

What will you do to praise God through what you have learned this week?