

Sermon Questions
January 14, 2018
The Book of Esther Part Two:
“The Feasts of Xerxes”

- What details from Esther’s story struck you as significant? Any details that were new to you?

- What does it mean that Esther is a “wisdom” book rather than an “historical” book?

- How was Xerxes portrayed as a ruler? As a husband?
How was Vashti portrayed as a queen? As a woman?

- Have you ever tried to boss or control a spouse or a family member?
How did that go for you? How did they react?

- Contrast the character of Xerxes with those of Esther and Mordecai

- Why do you suppose that Esther brought nothing with her when it was her turn to “Go to the King?”

- By the end of Esther chapter 2, the stage is set for the real drama of the story. How would you describe the tone of the story that the author is trying to set?
How might this story turn out if all you knew of the story was what you heard today?