

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Esther 1:1-2:18

**Ice Breaker:** What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

**Ice Breaker:** What are your favorite stories that you never get tired of reading/hearing?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the setting of the story of Esther? Where do we find God's people at this point in salvation history?
2. **Read: Esther 1-2:18.** What are some observations and reactions from this passage?
3. Who are the main characters that we are introduced to in the narrative? What do we know about these characters?
4. How does King Ahasuerus display wicked foolishness in this passage?
5. How is King Jesus different than King Ahasuerus?
6. What do we learn about Esther and Mordecai? Why do you think Esther concealed her identity as a Jew? Do you think it was shrewd or sinful?
7. How can you see God's hand of providence in this story?
8. How have you seen God's "invisible hand" of providence in your story? Where can you look back to in your life and see where God turned something difficult for your own good and God's glory?
9. How can we help one another trust our King and God's sovereign hand in times of difficulty?