## The Great Reversal

When have you received something good when you were expecting something bad?

## Read Esther 8:1-17.

- 1. What did Mordecai get out of this deal?
  - A. Haman's estate.
  - B. Haman's position.
  - C. No need to hide his ethnic identity any longer.
  - D. The opportunity to come clean about his relationship to Esther.
  - E. Lower taxes.
  - F. A new wardrobe.
  - G. Other people now had to bow to him.
  - H. The king's signet ring.
  - I. Other.
- 2. What made Esther's second uninvited entrance different from her first?
  - A. Not much.
  - B. No mention of fasting preceded the second entrance.
  - C. Esther fell down at the king's feet.
  - D. It hadn't been 30 days since she last saw the king.
  - E. Esther used tears and begging the second time.
  - F. She offered fast food instead of a banquet.
  - G. A direct request to stop Haman's orders endorsed by the king.
  - H. Her level of acceptance by the king was predictably stronger.
  - I. Other.
- 3. What does it mean to get a "blank check" from the king?
  - A. Not much.
  - B. Everything.
  - C. You have to be careful because it's irreversible.
  - D. It's going to be expensive.
  - E. The king has complete trust in you.
  - F. The king is trying to show off again.
  - G. Expect taxes to rise again.
  - H. Other.

- 4. How did Mordecai's letter differ from Haman's earlier letter?
  - A. It was the exact opposite in every way.
  - B. It empowered the Jews to attack their enemies.
  - C. It was primarily for the capital city of Susa.
  - D. The message went out in every language, including that of the Jews.
  - E. The date of implementation was the same.
  - F. It cost a lot less.
  - G. The real source of the letter made all the difference in the world.
  - H. Other.
- 5. What is the significance of many people becoming Jews?
  - A. The fear factor works.
  - B. Some people are always ready to go with the flavor of the month.
  - C. This is a great way to do evangelism.
  - D. If the king/government supports a group, you'd be wise to join them.
  - E. God clearly blessed the Jews, so it made sense to cash in.
  - F. God always wins.
  - G. God's people always win.
  - H. Other.
- 6. What is a take-away from this chapter that you would have never expected?
  - A. Mordecai had Haman's position, power, and wealth.
  - B. Esther had to go uninvited to the king another time.
  - C. Esther used different strategies in her different entrances to the king.
  - D. The king supports one side and then the opposite side.
  - E. The Persian king's degree can be overridden after all.
  - F. Everyone now knows Esther and Mordecai are Jewish relatives.
  - G. Other.
- 7. When has God done a great reversal in your life?
- 8. When could God have done a great reversal in your life, but He didn't?