I Just Want to Celebrate!

When are you most likely to party?

Read Esther 9:1 through 10:3.

- 1. Why do you obey the laws of the land?
 - A. I agree with (all of) them.
 - B. I'm a Christian.
 - C. Most of them aren't really enforced.
 - D. God wants me to obey Him and the laws of the land.
 - E. I obey only those that make sense to me.
 - F. So I don't get into trouble.
 - G. So I can go to heaven.
 - H. Other.
- 2. Why did the Jews kill all of Haman's sons?
 - A. They had unfinished business with the family.
 - B. They didn't want to mess up like Saul had (1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-9).
 - C. In those days, families were treated as a unit.
 - D. Whenever someone came into power, they eliminated all opposition.
 - E. They wanted to honor the father by treating his sons the same way.
 - F. It seemed like the right thing to do.
 - G. Take no prisoners (don't let them come back and get you later).
 - H. Other.
- 3. How was Esther's request to the king different from previous ones?
 - A. It wasn't. It was pretty much the same.
 - B. It didn't cost the king any money.
 - C. Esther went all out for revenge.
 - D. They didn't have to send out messengers to 127 provinces.
 - E. It went from supper to Haman to all of the Jews' enemies.
 - F. The king initiated contact with Esther.
 - G. She asked the king to cook for her.
 - H. Other.

4.	What is the significance of killing people but not taking any plunder?	
	A.	Killing was more important to them than stuff.
	В.	The Jews showed amazing restraint.

- C. I'd prefer keeping my life; you can have my goods.
- D. What's the point? Who gets the plunder?
- E. It eliminated the real problem.
- F. The Jews didn't do this for economic gain.
- G. I have no idea.
- H. Other.
- 5. What is the *most* significant thing to you in the book of Esther?
 - A. The great reversal from the beginning to the end.
 - B. God uses His people in ways we would never imagine.
 - C. The suspenseful timing seems unreal; miraculous.
 - D. God's name never shows up.
 - E. The irony throughout the book.
 - F. God cares for His people even when they're not in the right place.
 - G. Other.
- 6. The Jews continue to celebrate Purim. What would be an equivalent celebration for you?
- 7. Where do you see God in the book of Esther (though His name doesn't appear)?