

## Sermon Discussion Guide June 12, 2022

## Refresh

Read Esther 1:12-2:14 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

## **Discuss**

There is a stark contrast between the behavior of King Ahasuerus and that of the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ. How do Ahasuerus' actions in this portion of the story directly contradict how our King deals with mankind?

When we see poor human rulers, our eyes should quickly move toward the One who perfectly rules over all. In what ways can our God's perfect rule over man bring us hope in a world filled with poor human rulers?

How does this early portion of Esther remind us of God's providence amid man's wickedness and rebellion? How might that encourage us as believers when we see those in leadership acting wickedly?

What does this passage remind us concerning the importance of wise counsel? What does the rest of the Bible say about the importance of wise counsel, and what is its ultimate source (cf. Proverbs 1:7; Psalm 1:1-6)?

King Ahasuerus woefully lacked in wisdom in this text. How can we grow in wisdom (cf. James 1:5)?