

## **Lesson 11: Two Women – Two Choices Esther 1-2**

1. Read Esther 1-2. Use your outline to make notes and comments for class discussions.
2. Read Lesson 11 in your books.
3. Answer questions in Dimension 1.
4. Consider the following questions:
  - a. With which of the characters in Esther 1 do you most identify? Why?
  - b. The nobles feared anarchy would result if women were as “independent” as Vashti. At home, how do you work out disagreements?
  - c. In Esther 2:1-17, what might have happened if Esther had not obeyed Mordecai? How did she manage to keep her ethnic background secret from the king?
  - d. In Esther 2:18-23, do you see coincidence or providence at work behind these scenes? How so?
  - e. In your life, what do you see more of: Fate? Chance? Design? Destiny? Explain.