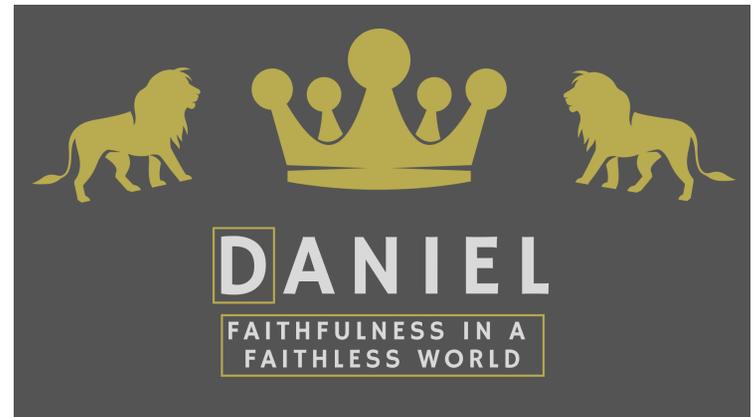


Daniel 1 Small Group Questions:



- 1) Have you ever had to make a choice to stand up for something you believed in, even when others around you had a different point of view?
- 2) We read in Daniel 1 about how God “delivered” Israel into the hands of King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. Why would God allow Israel to be given over to another kingdom and have their city exiled and besieged?
- 3) Daniel 1:8 gives us a glimpse into the character of Daniel when he chooses not to eat the food and drink from the King’s table. What does this action say about Daniel’s relationship with God?
- 4) Daniel’s decision and request in chapter 1 sheds light on God’s longing for us to live in obedience to him and strive to be Holy. Why is obedience and holiness such a big deal to God?
- 5) Notice that even in not wanting to eat food that wasn’t allowed by the Mosaic law that Daniel is respectful in sharing his issue with the chief official. How do you handle situations and circumstances that you disagree with? Does it match up with the model we have in Daniel’s response?
- 6) Now we not only see God honor Daniel’s request and that he and his friends do better on their diet, but we also see them God elevate them in the kingdom of Babylon. Daniel and his friends were able to be “in the world but not of the world.” How do we see Daniel and his friends succeed in the kingdom of Babylon while also being obedient to God?
- 7) Babylon, is safe to say, an culture that didn’t honor or worship God. At times, it feels like we’re living in Jesus’ ways is opposite what our current world and culture. How are we able to live in a culture that doesn’t honor God but still be “salt and light”?
- 8) How can we learn from Daniel’s approach in chapter 1 and apply it to our lives this week?