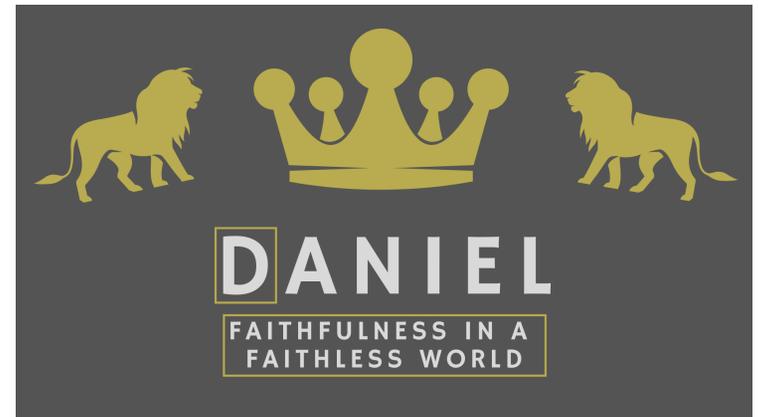


Daniel 5 Small Group Questions:



- 1) What stood out to you about Ben's message and this passage?
- 2) We are all forgetful at times, and this story looks at how Belshazzar forgot how God acted in the past with and in Nebuchadnezzar. Have you ever forgotten something very important before? What was it and what happened?
- 3) We read of Belshazzar taking goblets that were from Israel and using them at a party to worship other Gods. Some of us make this choice like Belshazzar: we take things that God has given us and end up using them for our own or other's glory and not God's glory. Why do you think it's such a big deal to God that we only worship Him and how can we keep ourselves focused on worshipping Him in all we do?
- 4) We all have choices to make, including a big one on whether to follow God or not. We see from the text Belshazzar's choice, but thankfully we can still choose to follow God in all we do. Why do we struggle to follow God for us, even if we know in our minds why we should?
- 5) Before he read the writing on the wall, Daniel made sure to note he didn't want the credit or rewards that came with his actions. What does this say about Daniel's character, and how do Daniel's actions represent Matthew 5:13-16 (being salt and light of God to others)?
- 6) Belshazzar fell into the same pride trap that his father Nebuchadnezzar did. We tend to not only focus on ourselves more than God but also take credit for what God has done. Belshazzar seemed to forget what happened in his Dad's past by choosing to forget God's sovereign nature over Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon. Explain why we tend to put ourselves in control of what God is in control of. Why is this harmful in our relationship with Him?
- 7) Where in your life do you need to give God credit for things or circumstances in which you have taken credit for?
- 8) Daniel 5 reminds us that we all have a choice to make concerning our relationship with Jesus. What choices, decisions, and circumstances do you need to seek out God's wisdom and will instead of relying and doing it on your own?
- 9) Where in your life do you need to give God credit for things or circumstances in which you have taken credit for?