

# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

## Daniel

### Week 2

#### GOALS

- To grow in God's word together and our understanding of where this Old Testament story fits in greater gospel narrative
- To learn to respond to God when in crisis.

#### TIPS

- It would be great if you can keep the group excited about the devotion. Come prepared for how your own devotional journey is going.
- This series is theological, it is preferable to have listened to the Sunday messages, especially the person leading the Life Group discussion.
- Life Group Leaders, we suggest doing a little more reading of Daniel commentary over this series to equip yourself for leading well. It is our hope that over these series, our leaders are going deeper in Scripture to be able to lead out of a richer depth of pursuit and understanding of God and his word. Some good commentaries to consider reading over this time:
- <http://www.slices.org.uk/Slicesforall/sfeDaniel.html>
- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/matthew-henry-complete/daniel/>

#### HEADLINES

*Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them." (Daniel 10:12)*

The account of Daniel is rich with training in courage, prophecy, prayer and dependence on God through adversity and triumph. We learn more about the sovereignty of God over kingdoms and regimes, as well as key character lessons from the faith and obedience of Daniel.

The reasons for only doing a portion of Daniel is that it is such a rich part of the Bible that we would rather do less really well, as opposed to trying to cram the whole book into 5 weeks.

## PRAYER

Open in prayer. Think about asking someone in your group to come prepped to open in prayer.

## DISCUSSION

1. How has the first week of Daniel been? Any surprises or insights?
2. How has your quiet time with God been impacted? Anything you would like to do more of over the next few weeks that the group can help encourage you on?

Someone read the following scriptures: Daniel 2:13-19

3. What stands out for you about Daniel in this section of scripture? What does his behavior suggest about his relationship with God?
4. Have you ever had a situation where you feel you felt like the crisis was looming? What did you do? What happened?
5. How do you think Daniel coaches us in how we could respond?  
*Pray. Trust God above everything. Remain calm. Collect as much relevant data as you can. Enlist the help of others. Lean into spiritual community. Praise God for his provision and guidance.*
6. What does this passage tell us about God?  
*God brings clarity and vision. God cares about what is happening in the lives of his people. God brings wisdom when we ask for it. God intervenes to save us.*
7. How can we pray for each other through some of these situations? Does anyone need prayer for a particular situation where they feel they are feeling is a crisis, or could be a crisis? Or any other situation needing prayer.

## PRAY

Spend some time as a group praying for things that came up in question 6. Spend some time thanking God for his continued love and wisdom in our lives.

## IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

Remind your group to be working through the Daniel devotion over the week. Next week we will be looking at some passages out of Daniel 3:1 – 4:37.