

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Daniel

Week 4

GOALS

- To grow in God's word together and our understanding of where this Old Testament story fits in greater gospel narrative
- To reflect on character and how God develops it.

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. Consider getting someone in your group to come prepared to do this section.

DISCUSSION

1. Did anyone have any take-home applications or thoughts after Sunday?
2. Do you have any stories about having to stand up in integrity during school, varsity or at work? How did it feel? What was the outcome?

Someone read the following scriptures: Daniel 6:1-4

3. What stands out for you about this section of scripture?
4. What do you think made Daniel so trustworthy (think through Daniel's life to this point)?
Integrity, ongoing development of skills, excellence, spiritual growth, consistency, letting God promote him.
5. What areas do you think you resonate with of these characteristics? Any areas you think you need to work on more?

Someone read Daniel 6: 11-18

6. What is ironic about what happened between Daniel and the king?
The very things that made Daniel attractive and trustworthy, are what the king had to use to sentence Daniel to death.
7. Are there any areas in your current lives/spheres where you are feeling pressurized to compromise on your integrity?

PRAY

Spend some time praying for the answers that came up in six. Pray for our places of work and schools that we would be people of integrity and service.

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 7.