

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Daniel 1:3-10

Daniel 1:3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—**4** young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. **5** The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

6 Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

8 *But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.* **9** *Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion unto Daniel,* **10** *but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."*

Other Passages: Daniel 1:11-20, Romans 8:15, Psalm 86:7-11, Deut. 14:3-8, Lk. 16:10, 2 Cor. 10:5,

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. *As a Kingdom person living in a non kingdom environment, how do you interact with the world while you are here, what is the road map?*
2. *Are you ready to give an account of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you sat down and really studied out why you believe what you believe? We are convinced this is why Daniel's conviction was able to be bold.*
3. *Should we let what we can't control control us? What is it that we can control?*
4. How do you live as a person of the Kingdom?
5. Do you know what God has commanded you to do? Do you know from His word where your convictions come from?
6. Are there any convictions that get you passionate or emotional that have non or very little connection to what God has commanded you to do?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS