

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Daniel 2:1-18, 19-49

Daniel *In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanter, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, 3 he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."*

5 *The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. 6 But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."*

14 *When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. 15 He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. 16 At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. 17 Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. 18 He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

Other Passages: Daniel 2:19-28, 45-47, Acts 2:17, Eph. 6:12, Phil. 4:6, Isa. 40:28, Psalm 139:4, Psalm 111:10,

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. Take some time to share with the group or write down a moment where you had fear and anxiety about the future. What are the areas of your life that are most likely to have fear? Health, politics, finances, family or maybe something else?
2. Fear of the unknown is common and likely something everyone deals with from time to time, what would you tell someone who is talking to you about their fear?
3. Daniel's "but God" response in verse 28 could be a model for us to adopt in conversation with others. Why might that be a hard thing for us to do? What do you think would be the response from friends, neighbors or people you know if you adopted that response to their moments of fear?
4. Where else in Scripture do we see this model used by believers?
5. What does it look like for us to seek God in moments of uncertainty? Discuss and maybe take some time to do that

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