

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## **BIBLE PASSAGES - Daniel 1:1-2, 4:34-35**

Daniel 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god."

Daniel 4:34b: "His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

**Other Passages:** Exodus 19:4-6, 1 Samuel 8:4-8, Isa. 36:6, Isa. 30:15, Jere. 25:9-12,

### **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. Are you ever tempted to fear *EMPIRE* instead of trusting God?
2. Where does your peace rest? Where does your security reside? What will bring you peace of mind and let you rest at night?
3. Are we tempted to pursue *EMPIRE* instead of resting in God's plan?
4. Take the exercise Aaron suggested: If you worry about the future, write down what you're worried about, and write it down in pencil using this format: "\_\_\_\_\_(your name) *is worried about...*" and then fill in the thing you're worried about. \_\_\_\_\_ is worried about the election. \_\_\_\_\_ is worried about the stock market. \_\_\_\_\_ is worried about whatever. Then flip that pencil around and erase the first three words "\_\_\_\_\_" is worried" and instead write **"God is in control over..."** It's true, right? It's true that God is in control over that thing. Share with each other that thing and pray for your faith in God to increase.

### **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**