

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Daniel

Week 3

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 idolatry and what it looks like in our city and lives.

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. Have there been any surprises or insights during the Danial journey so far?
2. What worries or stresses do you think people of Cape Town are currently concerned with? What conversations do your friends, family and peers speak about a lot at the moment? What concerns come up continuously on social media feeds?

Someone read the following scriptures: Daniel 3:1-7

3. What stands out for you about this section of scripture?
4. What do you think our culture's equivalent statues are currently?

Someone read Ezekiel 14:3

5. What areas of your life do you think have the potential to occupy your ultimate consideration, thoughts and emotions?
6. Where do you think our city and culture pressurizes us to find our identity currently?

Someone read Psalm 146: 6-10

7. What are the reasons this psalm gives us for why worship in God ultimately is most appropriate?

PRAY

Give one of each attribute mentioned in the psalm to each member of your group. Pray using each point as a worship item. Spend some time thanking God for his continued love and wisdom in our lives and for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus that means we are able to approach God and our worship and prayers are accepted by him.

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 5:1 – 6:18.