

DANIEL

Community Group Discussion Guide
Week 2 | Trusting
Daniel 2-3

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Introduction

If you asked me to list my top five biblical characters, Daniel would definitely be one my list. Here's why! Daniel's first person I think of who models how to be prepared for the challenging and hard times that are an inevitable part of everyone's life. This four week series shows us how he does this.

Read Daniel chapters two and three before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Is there a time when your faith in Jesus was ridiculed and challenged? Write this down and share it with your small group. If you're not in a small group, share it with another believer.
2. Was there a time when you were faced with the choice of whether or not to make your faith known to a group of people who you knew would reject you once you did? Write this down and share it with your small group. If you're not in a small group, share it with another believer.
3. Someone once said, "You're either coming out of a hard time or you're in the middle of a hard time or you're going into a hard time." How true do you think this is?

Jesus made this statement about hard times: "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart for I have overcome the world." John 16:33

4. In written form, describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream. If you prefer, you can draw a picture. Now write down Daniel's interpretation of this dream.
5. How does Nebuchadnezzar's dream in this second chapter point to what Jesus said in John 16:33?
6. How did Nebuchadnezzar take a giant spiritual step backward as we move from the second to the third chapter?
7. Why do you think he built this statue and did what he did with those leading his empire?
8. How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego live with the end in mind? The end being - what's revealed in Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and what Jesus himself said would happen.
9. Why does it make all the difference in our ability to thrive spiritually? For us to know this truth - Jesus will overcome the world. And live with - the end in mind.
10. How are you living this out in your own life? How aren't you living this out?
11. What are you going to do to live this out more?