

Discussion Guide

The Book of Daniel Part Two: A Godly Connection

1. What is the best piece of wisdom someone has shared with you in your life?
2. Why do you think God gives Nebuchadnezzar the dream in chapter 2? Pastor Tim believes it is because God loves him. Do you agree?
3. Read 2 Peter 3:9. Do you think this verse applies to Nebuchadnezzar too? Are there people that are so far away from God that they are unreachable by God?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14. Pastor Tim said that “You will not find God’s purpose for your life in worldly sources.” Why did he say that? Do you agree? Read Psalm 1:1-6. Where do we find God’s purpose or answers in our lives?
5. How would you respond if someone came to falsely arrest you? How does Daniel respond to Arioch, the King’s bodyguard? What does it mean that, “Daniel replied with discretion and discernment?” Do you think this matters to the story?
6. “Daniel and his friends, when they are in a situation where they do not know what to do, they go to God in prayer.” Why is this important to the story? What can we learn from this?
7. Has there ever been a time in your life where you had to go to God in desperate prayer because you had no idea what was happening? How did God respond? Why are times like these challenging to our faith?
8. Read Jeremiah 29:12-13. If Daniel knew of this message from Jeremiah, do you think it effected his prayer? What do you think it means to claim biblical promises? How does claiming biblical promises empower our prayer life?
9. Read Philippians 4:7. Pastor Tim said that Daniel was able to sleep because he was at peace. How is that possible? What does that really mean? Do you think it’s really possible to be at peace like this? How does our faith and prayer work together?

Next Steps

1. Pray a prayer that declares God as sovereign over the Nebuchadnezzars of this world, for character that is worthy of God’s trust with great responsibility, and for a generation of Daniels to rise up with humble confidence and holy courage.
2. Who are the people around you – the Hananiahs, Mishaels, and Azariahs – who are praying for you and holding you accountable as you pursue God and boldly live out your faith? Who in your life are you intentionally praying for and holding accountable?
3. Continue to engage with Scripture readings, devotional thoughts, and spiritual practices throughout the week.