

Discussion Guide

The Book of Daniel Part Five: The Fall of Babylon

1. Ever gone to a party, celebration or event thinking it was going to be great only to discover it was a disaster? Describe it.
2. The idiom, “Handwriting on the Wall” refers to a time of judgment or impending disaster. How have you heard this phrase used? Can you give some examples?
3. What parallels do you see between chapters 4 (Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the tree) and chapter 5 (the handwriting on the wall)? What are some of the differences? Do you think there is any significance?
4. Pastor Tim thinks that the king is throwing the banquet because the city is under siege. Why would he say that? Do you agree? Why do you think he threw the party?
5. Pastor Tim said, “Regardless of your age, you can be used by God.” Do you think this is true? What about the children or those who have retired? Can God use you? Have you convinced yourself that God can’t use you?
6. Read Daniel 5:22-23. Do you think Daniel is trying to appeal to the king to reach his heart or do you think he is proclaiming judgment? Is it too late for the king? Why or why not?
7. Read Jeremiah 51:8,48 & Revelation 14:8; 18:20. What do these prophet’s messages have in common? Is there a connection between literal Babylon and Spiritual Babylon?
8. Read 2 Peter 3:9-11. According to Peter, why is it that Christ has yet to return? What is he calling us to do? Is there a deadline for doing it?

Next Steps

1. Have you been sitting on the bench by not engaging in ministry? Choose to get in the game by serving.
2. Do you struggle with humility? Read and pray through Philippians 2:1-4 asking God to give you a heart of humility that puts others first.
3. Continue to engage with Scripture readings, devotional thoughts, and spiritual practices throughout the week.