

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK ONE

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¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar.¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

- **DANIEL 1:18-20** NIV

What are you most excited to learn through this series?

What stood out to you the most from this session?

¹¹ Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

- 1 PETER 2:11 NLT

Discuss a time that you felt out of place or marginalized because of your Christian faith

How could the truth that God is in control of who is in control change your perspective on life today?

During difficult situations, why is it so hard to believe that God does what is best for his people?

Have you ever gone through a challenging season, but when you look back at that time, you can see God at work in your life?

What are your key takeaways from this week's session?

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What stood out to you the most from this session?

What would it look like for you to live a "stand-up life in a bow-down world"?

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

- 2 PETER 1:3 NIV

⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

- DANIEL 1:8 NIV

What decision do you need to make today in your heart?

What challenges do believers face in trusting God with the consequences?

As a group, discuss the areas today where we need to stand up as believers in Jesus Christ.

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What stood out to you the most from this session?

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5 NIV

How does your perspective change towards people and situations when you realize we don't fight against flesh and blood?

What are some tangible ways that you can live out your Christian faith in this world?

Discuss as a group whether or not you are more concerned with public policy than personal integrity.

Why is a well-lived life more effective in evangelism than a wellspoken word?

Who is someone you can pray for this week?

What are your key takeaways from this week's session?

WEEK FOUR

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What stood out to you the most from this session?

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

- HEBREWS 10:23 NIV

THREE TRUTHS:

- Truth #1: Our hope is Jesus.
- Truth #2: Our home is heaven.
- Truth #3: Our eternity is secure.

Discuss a time you found yourself trusting in a person or situation rather than God's provision.

In what areas of your life have you gotten caught up in civilian affairs?

How does knowing that your eternity is secure give you hope today?

How does your perspective change in light of the following quote? "If you think this life is all that you have, then you will cling to it as if it is all that you have."

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WEEK FIVE

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What stood out to you the most from this session?

How you can thrive in the places that God has placed you? Discuss as a group.

How would your boss, co-workers and friends describe you?

How are Christians typically described in our culture?

¹² He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

- DANIEL 5:12 NIV

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king

might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

- DANIEL 6:1-3 NIV

Read Colossians 3:23. How would your view of work change in light of this verse?

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WEEK SIX

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What stood out to you the most from this session?

³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

- HEBREWS 11:35-38 NIV

How are you comforted knowing that each season that God places you in is for your own good?

How have you felt pressured to conform to the standards of this world?

Share a story with your group on how God used a situation to make you better.

What are your key takeaways from this week's session?

What has stood out to you the most from this series?