



DANIEL

THRIVING IN EXILE

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 3: WITNESS IN EXILE (DANIEL 2)

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: Daniel 2

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Articulate in your own words what it means to "bear witness" to the Gospel while in exile. Why is this such an important practice for the church?
2. What does it mean that God is "involved" in the world? Have you encountered an alternative vision of God in your workplace or neighborhood?

3. In what ways have you seen God's sovereignty play out in your own life in a way that you could bear witness to it?
4. Do you sense that the nonChristians around you have a hunger for "something more" or that they are "haunted" by their secular world? How do you see this play out?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. What is a tangible way that you can bear witness to the gospel in your school, workplace or neighborhood this week?
2. How can you demonstrate God's involvement in your life? How can you be more aware of it and draw attention to it?
3. What does it look like to bear witness in the midst of adversity? What adversity are you facing currently and how can you bear witness to God's control?
4. Is there someone in your life that you think struggles with the secular narrative they hear around them? Who are they and how can you bear witness to the greater reality of the transcendent God this week?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?