

DANIEL

THRIVING IN EXILE

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 7: HOLINESS IN EXILE (DANIEL 6)

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 process 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 6

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. Daniel is a faithful worker who is considered faultless by his peers. How do you believe your peers might describe you and the work you do?
2. Paul exhorts believers in Colossians 3:17, 22-24 to work with full hearts unto the Lord. How might doing your work whole-heartedly unto Jesus change how you work?
3. The only wrong found in Daniel was his devotion to the Lord observed in prayer. What aspects of your spiritual life reveal this kind of devotion to God? What do you believe

might need to change?

To be holy means you are set apart by God, to be like God, to join God in doing good to the world. Ultimately, Jesus was the true Holy One of God set apart to live like God and do good to the world by laying down his life for us. As you consider the areas where you are not living out a holy life remind one another how Jesus is the better holiness for you. For instance, you might be convicted that you are very devoted to God in prayer. Take time both to confess that and thank Jesus that he is continually praying to God the Father on your behalf.

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 actions will you take to grow in your devotion to the Lord?
2. In what ways is God calling you to work out your holiness in becoming more like Him?
3. How is God leading you to express holiness by doing good to others?
4. Who do you need to pray for right now and who might God be leading you to share good news about Jesus?

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