

DANIEL

THRIVING IN EXILE

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 11: SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN EXILE (DANIEL 10-12)

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 you 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 10:12-21

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. This week, we talked about Spiritual Warfare. Start by sharing what, if any, experience you're had with spiritual warfare.
2. Justin said that this moment in Doxa's history was an apocalyptic one, in the sense that it revealed the ongoing battle that we are in. What should this moment reveal to us about God, the world and our daily lives?
3. Justin said on Sunday that "Satan hates you and wants to destroy you". Was this news to you? How did you respond to that idea?
4. Temptation is one of Satan's strategies against us but it often isn't in obvious ways. How is Satan tempting you away from Jesus one degree at a time?

5. The Armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18 is meant to remind us that we cannot fight sin and Satan on our own but need the Gospel and its tools to aid us. How does remembering these elements aid you in your fight?

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. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. 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. How can the past experiences you've had help make your awareness of spiritual things more "ordinary"?
2. Scary or dangerous situations can reveal the things we depend on for our safety, what did this situation reveal for you?
3. How can your DNA partners help remind you of the one degree that Satan is trying to tempt you away from God?
4. Which of the four strategies of Satan do you see play out most often in your life? How are you combatting it?
5. The gift of exile is sight, what are things that you can see more clearly as the culture around us changes?

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