

DANIEL

LIVING AS STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GUIDE

WEEK 7: DANIEL Chapter 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 consider faultless by his peers. How do you believe your peers might describe you and the work you do?
2. 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?
3. What does it mean to be holy?
4. If God calls us holy long before we ever behave like that's true, how might that affect your motivation to do what is right? How does it destroy self-righteousness and/or the need to impress others?

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 upon 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 (what will you begin to do to START LIVING LIKE YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS TRUE)?

ACT

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

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?