

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 24-30, 2020

“EXECUTION STOPPED! DANIEL INTERPRETS KING’S DREAM”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: As your group begins, use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Name either one positive and/or negative effect on yourself that you see coming out of the Covid pandemic and the quarantine?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Daniel 2:1-13. In your own words, how would you describe King Nebuchadnezzar? Was it unreasonable for the king to order his wise men be put to death because they could not tell him what his dream was? What does this tell you about the kind of world that Daniel lived in under Nebuchadnezzar?
2. *Discuss.* When you read situations like these, does it make you wonder and/or question God? What real-world tragedies and injustices make you stop, frustrate you, even make you angry at God’s supposed inaction?
3. Read Daniel 2:14-28. What steps did Daniel take in dealing with the crisis? How might the steps that he took help you the next time you face a crisis?
4. *Share.* In Daniel 2:20-23, we read Daniel praising God. What attribute(s) of God (in these verses) do you relate to the most that makes you want to praise God today? Why?
5. Read Daniel 2:29-45. Take a moment to describe the dream and it’s interpretation. Which historical empires do the four parts of the statue represent from what was discussed in the sermon? How do the earthly kingdoms contrast with the kingdom that is to come? What conclusions can you draw from this vision?

6. *Share.* The king was asking for the impossible. Daniel could not do what the king wanted him to do unless God revealed the interpretation to him. What is one thing you need God to meet for you in this season of your life?
7. *Discuss.* God is ultimately in charge of human history and our goal is to fit into God’s plan (and not the other way around). In what specific ways can this truth affect the way you live your life beginning today?
8. **[NEXT STEPS]**
This week, be reminded of God’s timeline of history and your part in it..
 - I will commit to go through the devotionals everyday this week.
 - I will seek to know more about who God is by regularly reading his Word.
 - I will take part in the Online Eschatology Classes and learn as much as I can about what the Bible says about the end times.
 - I will commit to pray for 30 minutes a day (for one week) for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.
 - I will trust in God and not in myself.
 - I will face my problems on my knees.
 - Other ways I will apply this lesson: _____.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart of joyful hope and conviction about the end times.
- Pray that there will be many souls that will come to Christ through this pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.