

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 2-8, 2024  
"THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN"  
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## GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: 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.

What is one habit that you think need to stop doing and/or start doing?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Daniel 2.**

1. Read Daniel 2:1-16. Why do you think would Nebuchadnezzar ask for something "impossible" from the wise men? Have you ever experienced being required to do seemingly impossible things in your life? What do you see is the difference between the response of Daniel and the wise men of the kingdom?
2. Scholars tell us that Daniel here would be around 18-20 years old. How does Daniel's faith in God's ability challenge you in your faith journey? If you were to advice a young Christian on how to cultivate a strong prayer life, what would you tell him/her?
3. Read Daniel 2:17-30. How does Daniel's decision to involve his friends in prayer show us the importance of community in seeking God's help? How often do you ask other believers to pray for you?
4. What do you make of Daniel's confident answer to the king (Daniel 2:27-30)? How does he give God the glory? What wisdom has God shown/given to you in the past week? How have you acknowledged God's sovereignty and wisdom in your daily life, as Daniel did in his prayer of praise (Daniel 2:20-22)?
5. Read Daniel 2:31-45. Take a moment to describe the dream and its 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. The king was asking for the impossible. Daniel obviously could not do what the king wanted him to do unless God revealed the interpretation to him. Is there something you need God to meet for you in this season of your life?
7. God is ultimately in charge of human history and our call 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?

## NEXT STEPS

*The purpose of your life and mine is to fit into God's plan.*

- I will depend on God's ability and wisdom in everything.
- I will pray always.
- I will cultivate an attitude of thankfulness for the blessings in my life, recognizing them as part of God's plan.
- I will trust God because he history is "his story."
- I will always remember that I exist for God and not God for me.

*Don't forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

## CLOSING THE SESSION

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

- Pray for understanding and wisdom to discern God's leading in your life and how you can best contribute to your purposes.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

## BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 3 Daniel 2:1-16  
June 4 Matthew 25:31-46  
June 5 Daniel 2:17-30  
June 6 Joshua 5:13-6:27  
June 7 Daniel 2:31-49  
June 8 Psalms 10:1-18  
June 9 1 Timothy 1:12-17