



Week 1 Discussion Questions

Week of 4/16/23

Text: Daniel 1

Icebreaker: What do you think it means to be “winsome” as a Christian?

1. Read verses 1-7. What kind of emotions would you expect these “youths without blemish” (v. 4) to be experiencing as they’ve been taken from Jerusalem to Babylon, given new names, and selected to eventually “stand before the king” (v. 5)?

Application: Has there been a time in your life when you felt similar emotions to those you could imagine these young men experienced? What was your situation?

2. Verse 2 begins, “And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...” Why should it matter that this outcome was the Lord’s doing?

Application: When you’re going through something difficult, do you find it hard to believe God is in control? Why?

3. Read verses 8-16. What do Daniel’s actions demonstrate?

Application: Describe a situation in your life where you could be (or have been) asked to compromise from what you know is pleasing to God.

4. Even in Babylon, “God gave” Daniel and his companions great abilities that made them stand out. What does this say about God’s sovereignty and purposes in a less-than-ideal situation?

Application: How has God equipped you for situations that are less than ideal?

5. God’s people are in this predicament because of their unfaithfulness to Him. Where do you see displays of God’s faithfulness, though, in this first chapter?

Application: How has God been faithful in your own life? Take time to celebrate these examples with your group.

In what current situation do you need to be reminded of God’s faithfulness? Take time to share this with your group and pray for each other.

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