



Week 4 Discussion Questions

Week of 5/14/23

Text: Daniel 4

As a reminder, this series will wrap up in a couple weeks and discussion questions will not be written over the summer. If you haven't done so already, please take time to discuss what your summer plans are as a group and how you will stay connected.

Icebreaker: What are our summer plans? What will we do over the summer to stay connected with each other?

1. Read verses 1-18. Put yourself in Daniel's place as he is being asked by the volatile (see chapters 2-3) Nebuchadnezzar to interpret the dream. How do you think you would feel?

Application: Daniel is in a high-pressure spot! What situation in your life makes you very aware of your need for God's help?

2. By "winsome," we mean being attractive or appealing in our words, actions, and attitudes so, eventually, others would be interested in knowing our God. What do you see in Daniel's response to Nebuchadnezzar in verses 19-27 that is winsome?

Application: Notice that being winsome doesn't mean being a social "chameleon" (we blend into whatever environment we're in) or pleasing people by saying whatever they want to hear. What happens to our witness for Christ if we only try to blend in and say what people find easy to embrace?

3. How would you summarize Daniel's call to Nebuchadnezzar in verse 27?

Application: How does care for the poor and the oppressed relate to the problem of pride?

4. Read verses 28-34. Where do you see God's patience and mercy toward Nebuchadnezzar as you think about these verses and what you've read so far in the chapter?

Building Christ-centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others.

Application: What has been a humbling experience in your life? What have you learned from it?

5. This chapter begins and ends with Nebuchadnezzar's praise of God in verses 1-3 and 34-37. What do you see in these verses that the king learned from his experience?

Application: Worship orients our hearts to God, helping us grow in humility and faith. What attributes of God do you see in Nebuchadnezzar's words that you can also celebrate? Take time in prayer to praise God as a group.