

THE DANIEL DILEMMA: Standing Firm

Life Group Notes – Week 2



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Describe your worst cooking disaster ever!

What was your favourite cartoon when you were a child?

Have you noticed how widespread the “me” culture is in social media today? Selfies are a great example of how social-media is often used to promote ourselves, or to talk about ourselves. What are your thoughts about social media and the culture it promotes? How would you describe your social media presence and what it says about you and your beliefs?

Check out **Matthew 5:13-16** and **John 17:14-16**. What do these verses tell you about how we should both see the world we live in, and how we should influence what is going on. How do you do this practically?

Check out **Genesis 11:4**. The Babylon mindset is all about elevating oneself and one’s achievements. Whilst its ok to celebrate our achievements, these should not be the things that define us or give us our identity. How would you describe your identity, and where do you get your sense of self-worth from? How do setbacks or failure affect your feeling of self?

When we desire honour/recognition from others, we can struggle when we don’t get it. One way we can ensure that our self-identity remains whole is to shift our focus from ourselves to God – check out **John 3:30**. Does your behaviour honour God or bring honour to yourself?

Check out **Psalm 145:1**. How would you describe your passion for the presence of God? How does your personal worship bring honour to God? How about our corporate worship – how do you approach worship on a Sunday – how do you prepare to worship? How do you show your passion for God? What does passion in worship look like?

Check out **1 Corinthians 4:7**. All that we have is from God – which means its not about us – its about Jesus. Does our life point people to Jesus?

Check out **James 4:10**. When we humble ourselves, we allow God to use our lives to make a difference! When we resist the temptation of being all about ourselves, and walk humbly – watch and see what God will do! How prepared are you to do whatever it takes to serve others (even if it means unblocking a toilet)?

Check out Colossians 3:2. We are called to set our minds on things above – to have a Christ-like mindset. When we set our minds on Christ we find freedom. How would you describe your mindset? How do you use the Word of God to ensure you don't give in to fear, hopelessness, defeat, distraction, or procrastination? Have a time of declaring some of God's promises from the Bible as a group – and make note of any that stand out to you (might also be a great opportunity to set yourselves a memory verse!)

PRAYER

Pray that our lives would point people to Jesus!

Pray for renewed passion for the presence of God.

Pray for one another if there are any areas of our self-identity that need to be restored to the Word of God!