



CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever had to make a choice to stand up for something you believed in, even when others around you, especially those in authority, had a different point of view? How'd it go?

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Read: Daniel 1

1. What specific ways do we see our country being a place of exile for God's people today?
2. What are some idols that our country openly worships that can be luring for Christians? Which idols can you easily be drawn to specifically?
3. Pastor Josh gave some examples of words in our language that have been redefined by the culture. What are some other words that have been redefined? What significance does that bring?
4. Daniel models correctly how to be both holy AND an active citizen in the land in which we live. How can we apply this principle to our individual contexts (career, political affiliation, kids in sports, etc.)?
5. Like the passage concerning Daniel's diet (v. 6-16), there are several passages in Scripture that we can fall prey to eisegeting (interpreting and/or applying the text contrary to how it was meant to be interpreted or applied by the original author). What are some examples of passages in the Bible that have often been eisegeted rather than exegeted (rightly interpreting and applying the content and principles of a text).
6. How do we see God's sovereignty on display in Daniel 1?
7. How does Daniel 1 point us to Jesus?
8. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

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DISCIPLINES

Pray: That the Holy Spirit would guide us in living holy lives in the midst of our exile. Thank him for his sovereign plan for his people.

Read: *Thriving in Babylon* by Larry Osborne | 2 Kings 24-25

Write: Write down idols in your life that need to be removed and replaced with God-honoring things.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: Romans 12:2

Love: Share with others how Jesus trusted in his God-given identity and the impact that has on our lives.

Sermon Discussion Guide

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