

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

DANIEL: SHINING IN THE DARKNESS  
THE ETERNAL KINGDOM | DANIEL 2  
FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. God is the source of wisdom. Seek Him.
2. God is the source of might. Trust in Him.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Jeremiah 29:4-11 puts v11 in context of seeking the welfare of the city. How is our welfare connected with the welfare of our city, no matter how far from God our community is? What specific ideas do you have about how the church can make a real difference in our city?
3. In his circumstances, Daniel sought the Lord's wisdom via prayer. What other ways can we seek wisdom from God in the midst of situations in our life we don't know what to do or feel too hard for us?
4. How should we interact with and relate to the culture around us? What's the right balance between becoming all things to all people (1 Corinthians 9:19-23), serving our community (Jeremiah 29:4-11), and maintaining holiness (1 Peter 1:13-16)?
5. Daniel is a good example to emulate of giving honor where honor is due (Daniel 2:27-28, Romans 13:7) telling the king that God was the one that revealed his dream. Where are the "no one but God can do this" moments in your life that could testify about to others? Besides God, what other people and instances are we called to give honor to others? What does it look like practically to honor others humbly while still pointing to God?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. When faced with an impossible, life-or-death situation, Daniel ran to and trusted in God. When you're faced with a problem you're not sure how to tackle, what's your gut reaction? Where are you tempted to go? How quick are you to turn to God?
2. How is your prayer life going? What about praying with your household? Friends? Are you inviting others outside of small group to be praying with and for you? What about other spiritual disciplines like Bible reading and memorization?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God that He is powerful and wise, and that we only have to accept Him for who He truly is.
2. Pray that we would live out the values God has given us in His word.
3. Ask God to do His will in our church with Safe Families, to be moving and convicting hearts of the people He has called to participate in that ministry.