

## **Bible Summary**

Homesick-Daniel

Resist

The book of Daniel follows the lives of some Hebrew boys who were snatched from their home and exiled to Babylon. The book begins with a re-education process to try to babylonize these young men. Four of these boys stand up and stand out resisting the attack on their mind, body and spirit. Their resistance to Babylon and obedience to YHWH eventually leads to king Nebuchadnezzar himself becomes a believer in YHWH.

Scriptures: Daniel 1:1-21, 4:34; James 4:7; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:12-13

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. In today's culture, the self is elevated above everything else.
  - a. In what ways has "me-ism" affected your thinking?
  - b. How do we move away from "me-ism" to something better?
3. As Christ followers, what should be our response to the temptations and "enticing feasts" of the world?
4. We preach the gospel not because of its ease but because of its truth. Does this challenge your idea of Christian life in any way?
5. How is partnering with God in life like pushing the pedals on a bike?
6. Daniel was able to resist Babylon with the help of his friends. As a crew, they stood out from their peers.
  - a. In what ways can we as the church stand out in "negative ways" and in what ways should the church stand out in "good ways"?
  - b. Who is your crew?
  - c. What are some obstacles that keep our community group from being more connected?
7. Take some time to think about an area in which you struggle with temptation.
  - a. Resolve how you would respond the next time you are tempted.
  - b. Develop a plan to resist.
  - c. Share your plan with a trusted friend and/or someone from your community group.