

Bible Summary

Daniel 5:1-30

Numbered

King Belshazzar throws a giant party and abuses the vessels from God's temple. A hand appears and writes a riddle on the wall. Daniel translates the riddle for Belshazzar. The first part is the repetition of Mene which means numbered. Belshazzar's days were numbered and because of how he lived they were coming to an end. We can learn not to be like Belshazzar by living lives that are aware and wise according to Ephesians 5:14-16.

Scriptures - Daniel 5:1-30; Psalm 90:12, James 4:14; Ephesians 5:14-16; Ecclesiastes 12:1-4; Isaiah 60:1, Ephesians 2:10; Joshua 14:11-12; Philippians 4:13

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. What does it look like to number our days well?
3. In Eph. 5:14 the Bible encourages the sleeper to awake.
 - a. How do you know if you're sleeping through something important?
 - b. Are there any areas in your life in which you need to be awakened from "sleepwalking"?
 - c. If so, how would you address those things?
4. Kids don't want to sleep because they have an expectation of something coming.
 - a. How can you "grow younger"?
 - b. What holds you back from living a life of expectancy?
5. Is a "missional life" a thing you do or is it a way of life? Discuss.
 - a. How do you move towards having a missional life?
6. In order to be fruitful, you have to be willing to prune some things out of your life.
 - a. How do you identify those things that need to be pruned?
 - b. How do you go about pruning them?
7. Please see page 2 if you would like Matt's reflection questions.

Throughout this week, take some time to reflect on the following questions on your own.

1. What are my motives for life/ministry right now?
2. What are my priorities in life?
3. What are my regrets?
4. What is bringing me joy?
5. What has been painful?
6. What has caused gratitude?
7. What has not been good?
8. What has been good?
9. How are my relationships (Jesus, wife, kids, family, friends, coworkers, neighbors)?
10. What has God asked me to do that I have not done?