

Bible Summary

Daniel 2:1-35

Daniel is a book about how to thrive and even transform bad environments. In chapter 1 the struggle was over food but in chapter two the stakes are higher and Daniel's life is on the line. Daniel, with tact and discernment, saves the lives of his friends and co-workers from a grumpy despot through faith, engages prayer and self-control. These three qualities mark men and women throughout Scripture and history as world shapers.

Scriptures - Daniel 2:1-35; Hebrew 10:24; 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:18-21

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. God got the king's attention by disrupting his sleep--the one thing over which he had no power. In what areas of your life could God be wanting to get your attention?
3. Daniel had every right to claim a victim mentality, yet he didn't.
 - a. What happens to an individual when they cling to victimhood as their primary identity?
 - b. In the face of hardship, how can we fight the temptation to play the victim?
4. What are the "big things" in your life you expect God to do?
5. If God is almighty and powerful, why is it important for us to work hard in partnering with Him?
6. Daniel demonstrated self-control in the face of difficulty.
 - a. How is the lack of self-control manifested in our culture today?
 - b. In what areas of your life do you struggle with self-control?
 - c. What are some concrete ways you can practice the discipline of self-control?
7. In his time of crisis, Daniel chose to reach out to his friends.
 - a. What prevents us from doing the same?
 - b. Does our community group do a good job in supporting one another?