

Daniel - Week 6 - The Night the Lions Fasted

Scripture: Daniel 6

Questions

1. Let's pray together that God's wisdom and peace is upon us during this time.
2. Read Daniel chapter 6 out loud. Since this is our last chapter in Daniel that functions as a story, you may want to assign different people in your group to read the different parts. The king sounds imperious, the satraps sound evil, etc.
3. Daniel worked for a secular kingdom, and many of us work in secular environments on a daily basis. Daniel could have slacked off in his work, knowing that only work done for God is truly important, but in fact he was known for being the best. How does this inform our goals in our secular roles today?
4. Shaen's first point in understanding how to live faithfully in a hostile environment is to Obey God. What is the hardest part about Obeying God in all things?
5. Now what are some of the easy aspects of Obeying God in all things or what are some obvious benefits? Can you think of any not-so-obvious benefits?
6. A lot of times Trusting God while living faithfully may look like doing something foolish to the world. What are some examples that you do or could live out in your life that involve you trusting God, to the confusion of this fallen world?
7. Shaen pointed out that when the trying times came to Daniel he did, "as he had previously done." He fell back on his habit of running to God. What are some ways we could work on building those kind of habits in our daily lives now?
8. We have been going through one of the more trying times we have had in a long time this past couple weeks. Was your initial thought to run to God? Or was it to get even? Daniel knew that God had a plan for all of this. What are some ways that we can live faithfully to our friends and family through the trying times we are seeing in our country right now?
9. As we live our lives faithfully and contrary to the world ultimately the world will notice the difference. Who should we point them to in those moments and what are some good ways to do that so that we can Glorify God?