

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

Daniel 2  
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We testify to a shaken world when we are not shaken. The reason the Psalms are filled with statements like “*We will not be shaken*” or “*We will not fear*” is because the people of God are confident that a foundation built on God is firm and if we stand on him we will not fall. “*Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way and mountains be moved into the heart of the sea*” (Ps. 46:2). Of course, we are not machines and sometimes we *are* shaken and fearful. However, Psalm 62:2 says, we will not be *greatly* shaken. The people of God are ultimately unshakable because our present lives and future destinies are anchored in the unshakable God and his Messiah who conquered sin and death. We are *hidden in Christ* (Col. 3:3). The present and future realities of those who follow Jesus are sure — even if our hearts sometimes falter.

Daniel gives us something to shoot for as chosen exiles who seek to be steady voices in a shaken world. In chapter two Nebuchadnezzar panics from the dreams he has. The result is an ad hoc decision to off his wisest counselors if he doesn’t get answers — Daniel and his friends included. Yet, Daniel remains *calm*. His *confidence* comes from God who is his ultimate authority, and that enables him to speak the truth with *courage*.

God reveals the dream to Daniel and he interprets it for the king. The interpretation is that kingdoms are going to rise and fall, but a *rock that is formed with no human hand*, will crush all these other kingdoms and form a mountain that will fill the whole earth (35). This of course is Christ and his kingdom and the reality of that kingdom saturating the whole world.

## Group Discussion

1. Nebuchadnezzar’s fears speak to us and our human condition. How can you personally relate to those fears?
2. What we are shaken by is a window into what we are ultimately serving. What shakes you? Take a good amount of time on this. Listen to one another. Lovingly remind one another of the gospel and why we do not need to be shaken by these things.
3. Share with one another areas you need help remaining calm, confident, and courageous.

**Take special note** of verse 44. God’s kingdom is set up in the midst of the before mentioned kings. His kingdom is here and now (Mark 1:14). We live now on earth as it is in heaven because the reality is that his kingdom is here and will fully come at his soon return!