

# The Writing on the Wall

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***Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.***

## Read Daniel 5

1. What type of feast do you think this was? Why?
2. Why do you think Belshazzar called for the stolen objects from the Temple to be brought in? What does this tell us about him?
3. What contrasts do you see between Belshazzar and Daniel? What were the main ways in which they were different?
4. What was Belshazzar basing his life and decisions on?
5. What parallels are there between Belshazzar's actions and motivations and our society today?
6. Why did Daniel turn down the gifts of office? What does this tell us?
7. What does this passage tell us about God's judgement? How does this episode relate to the idea that we will all eventually be judged?
8. How do our choices matter? How do you live differently knowing that each decision can have huge ramifications in our world?
9. "Life in the middle is not life to the full." What do you think of this statement? What does a life in the middle look like?
10. How do we avoid living "live in the middle"?
11. How can we ensure we are allowing Jesus to direct the choices we make?
12. How do we make sure we are living a life of wisdom and humility like Daniel did?

## Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the two families from Afghanistan soon to be arriving with us.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.