

Intro1duction to the Book of Daniel

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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 1:1-16

1. What stories do you know of from the book of Daniel? When did you first become aware of them?
2. Why are some if these stories so well known?
3. What do you know of the situation facing Daniel and his friends? What do you know of the situation of Israel at this time?
4. Why give Daniel and co. new names? Why require them to eat the food of the royal court?
5. What does our culture and society try to get us to compromise on?
6. How does our culture try to get us to compromise on these things?
7. What do you feel particular pressure to compromise on? How do you resist this temptation?
8. Why might Daniel's story of living under the empire have resonance with us today?
9. What are the main ways in which our culture tries to shape us and mould us?
10. How do we stop ourselves from being changed/shaped by the surrounding society?
11. How do we tell the difference between the more positive aspects of our culture and the negative aspects that are trying to change us?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.