

Series: Stranger in a Strange Land

Sermon: An Exile's Purpose

Primary Text: Daniel 1:8-21

Discussion Guide:

- Have you ever been in a situation where you were being pressured to do something that goes against God? explain
- Read Daniel 1:8
 - How would eating or drinking the king's food defile Daniel?
 - Why do you think God made the laws about not eating certain meats? (see Lev. 11)
 - Why do you think God changed that law in the New Testament? (see Acts 10 & Matthew 15:10-20)
 - Why is it important to resolve in your heart to be loyal to God? (see 1 Peter 3:14-16)
- Read Daniel 1:8
 - Why is it striking that Daniel asks permission not to defile himself?
 - How is this different from how our culture views protests?
 - Why did he do it this way?
- Read Daniel 1:9-21
 - What was Daniel's strategy in getting his captors to see the wisdom of God's way?
 - How can we employ the same strategy?
- What was Daniel's and God's ultimate goal in this?
- How did Daniel and Jesus sacrifice their rights for others' salvation?