

# **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

"Daniel 2:1-23" on January 16th and 19th

#### **PRAY:**

Ask someone to start your group with prayer.

#### **READ:**

Choose someone to read Daniel 2:1-23.

## **DISCOVER:**

Nebuchadnezzar sought help from the only 'spiritual' people he knew - astrologers, magicians, and wisemen:

- From whom do YOU seek help with spiritual issues? Where do you go FIRST to find answers?
- Do you need to make any changes in this area to please God and to be obedient?
- When was the last time you were deeply troubled? Have you had a moment of "I don't know if I can go on without this" or when you were so troubled you would do ANYTHING to 'fix' it?
- How did you deal with that, and what was the result? What do you learn from that? How would you help a friend in a similar situation?

Nebuchadnezzar had every material thing a man could want, but it was never enough! Daniel, exiled and stripped of everything he had known, knew GOD WAS IN CHARGE and trusted that.

- Are you more like Nebuchadnezzar or Daniel? Can you identify with trying to find something to make the pain go away?
- What are you holding too tightly? Is SECURITY an idol you might be worshipping?

Nebuchadnezzar had everything a man could have wanted, except for the ONE thing he needed. Jason proposed that he was looking for the DIVINE – something MORE than the world could give. When was the last time you cried out to God, pleading and begging? When was the last time you prayed and then TRUSTED, waiting faithfully for God?

Jason challenged us to KNOW on our insides the things Nebuchadnezzar DIDN'T KNOW – WHO created you...WHO you are...WHERE you're going...

- What you are supposed to do until you get there?
- Which one of those do you struggle with the most, and why?\

When his life was threatened, Daniel had the courage to inquire of the person in charge regarding what was to transpire, then he immediately gathered his friends to cry out to God, to plead with God to deliver them. Trusting God, he waited.....and when his prayers were answered, he not only praised and thanked God, giving Him all the glory, he POINTED Nebuchadnezzar to God. Where in your life do you need to find the courage to follow Daniel's example?

#### **RESPOND:**

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's word?. How will you respond In obedience?

### PRAY:

Ask if there's anyone who needs prayer. Pray for each other as the Spirit leads. Read Daniel 2:21-23 together as praise.