



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Daniel 2:24-49” on January 23rd and 26th

CONNECT:

Ice Breaker – How did the passage we read/discussed from Daniel 2:1-23 affect your week?

DISCOVER:

- Read Daniel 2:24-49.
- What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week (in your own words)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage/sermon (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.?)

Daniel 2:25 – Arioch, the man in charge of executing the wise men, reported to the king that HE had found a man who could tell the king about his dream; this wasn't true at all, for Daniel had gone to Arioch on his own. Jason gave us this challenge: TELLING

THE TRUTH MATTERS. It shows you are SELF-LESS or SEL-FISH.

- Considering how much truth matters, how are you living out what God is leading you to through His Word?
- Few of us intentionally tell lies, but do you find yourself tempted to be like Arioch now and then, stretching or exaggerating the truth? How will you respond to that temptation?
- If you have children or are in a position to influence children, how can you emphasize the importance of being completely truthful so it is deeply rooted in their lives?

Daniel 2:27 – In his humility, Daniel gave all the credit to God for showing him the king's dream and interpretation.

- Jason indicated that OUR job is not to 'create an experience' in this life but to say, "HE is King, and I'm NOT" as we go from day to day.
- What does this look like in every aspect of your daily walk?
- What would you need to do to carve out more time to spend in God's Word, allowing HIS WORD to shape our lives?
- How could you engage with others to partner in this spiritual journey?

Daniel 2:36-43 – The interpretation Daniel shared regarding the king's dream was proven accurate by history. In discussing the kingdoms represented in the dream, Jason described how the Roman Empire had impacted the Western and Eastern Hemispheres in so many ways. Our lives are mini-versions of the Roman Empire. OUR 'empires' are our homes, our workplaces, our relationships, etc.

- In what ways are you impacting the lives of those in your 'empire' for Jesus – or for someone or something else?
- What things could you ask of God to shape you into having the impact He created you to have in your empire?

Daniel 2:44-45 – This speaks of a future kingdom God will set up, a kingdom that will never be destroyed. This is represented in the king's dream by a ROCK cut out of a mountain, designed NOT by human hands, which would CRUSH ALL the kingdoms shown in the dream. This ROCK is, of course JESUS, the CORNERSTONE. Jason indicated people will either seek out and build their lives around this Cornerstone or TRIP over Him.

- As you humbly look back over your spiritual journey, do you find you did more SEEKING and BUILDING or more TRIPPING?
- How will you respond to what you found?
- What truly IS the cornerstone of your life? If it is not Jesus, what steps will you take to MAKE Him your Cornerstone?

Daniel 2:46-3:1 – One moment Nebuchadnezzar was praising God for EVERYTHING, having been influenced by what Daniel shared; the next moment he was erecting a 90' golden statue of himself, demanding everyone bow down to it.

- Have you been INFLUENCED by God or TRANSFORMED by Him? Explain?
- How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

RESPOND:

What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at CU?

PRAY:

End your group this week praying for each other and praising God.
Pray that God would strengthen you. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.