



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Daniel 1:1-21” on January 9th and 12th

DO CONNECT... DO COLLABORATE... DON'T COMPROMISE!

Jason compared our culture today to the culture of Babylon when Daniel was exiled there – “Look out for #1! Whatever your indulgence is, gather it to yourself!” He described our culture as one that is doing all it can to absorb us into its way of thinking. How are you seeing this happen in our schools, homes, and churches? How are the attitudes/perspectives of our young people being shaped as a result, and how can we respond?

We must make choices in responding to the winds of culture – in what areas do you find yourself...

- withdrawing?
- running away from?
- jumping into a ‘Holy Huddle’?
- being absorbed by culture?

Jason shared that God’s way of dealing with those who see things differently than we do is to CONNECT and/or COLLABORATE with them – engaging them in love – but NOT COMPROMISE OUR BELIEFS. What challenges does this present for you...

- at home – in family matters – as a parent, spouse, roommate, etc.?
- in your workplace?
- in your church?
- in your circle of friends?

Jason said, “The world is not supposed to change Christians; Christians are supposed to change the world!” Where are we succeeding and where are we failing in changing the world right where we are? What changes can we resolve to make to begin to make a difference?

Do we spend more time infiltrating our minds with the Word of God or with things of the world around us? How does that play out in our ability and desire to engage with those who see things differently than we do?

Jason asked, “What would happen if those who disagree with us found Christians helping them succeed?” What would that look like in your life? Can you identify a situation in your neighborhood/workplace/city that would be an opportunity to engage this way? What part of making that connection makes you hesitate or hold back?

Nebuchadnezzar did everything he could to strip Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of their identities. Where and how do you see this happening in our culture today? How can we prepare our children and young people to stand firm without compromise in protecting who they are and what they believe?

Where in our lives can we obediently engage because of what Jesus has done for us?