

These notes have been put together to be used alongside the Sunday teaching at Wavertree.

This week we are looking at Daniel 6 - and the topic of courage. Start by sharing anything that stood out from Mike's talk.

**WE FIND COURAGE WHEN WE SEE
GOD CLEARLY.**

“Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.”

Summary of Daniel 6 - you could read Daniel 6 together

Daniel is faithful and successful → others become jealous → they trap him using his faith → he keeps praying anyway → he's thrown into the lions' den → God rescues him.

Key Reflection:

Faithfully following God with integrity led to opposition, not comfort. 1 Peter 4:12-16 encourages us not to be surprised by suffering for Christ.

DISCUSSION : 10 minutes:

1. When has your faithfulness to God or integrity provoked opposition?
2. Why is it hard to accept suffering when we have done nothing wrong?
3. What can we learn from Daniel about how to respond?

READ TOGETHER:

- Numbers 21:8-9 - where you look can lead to life
- Hebrews 12:2 - fixing our eyes on Jesus
- 1 John 3:2 - when we see Him we will be like Him

How we see God shapes how we live, for example if we see God and small or indifferent then we are more likely to compromise, if we see God as harsh we might hide from Him. However if we see God as powerful, loving and trustworthy then we will stand firm.

[Click here, to watch this Video that Mike shared together](#)

REFLECT :

How does this video make you feel?
What does this video make you think?

DISCUSSION : 15 - 20 minutes

1. What do you think Daniel believed about God that gave him courage?
2. What do you tend to focus on in difficult situations—God or the problem?
3. As a group share - how do we, or how could we, gaze more on Jesus to see Him more fully as He is?
4. Where is God calling you to be uncompromising at the moment?

WORSHIP and PRAYER:

Use this song, [Indescribable by Chris Tomlin](#), to spend some time in worship.

Pray for one another as fits your discussion and what you have shared together.