

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

These notes relate to the first 2 talks in the series on Daniel.

STARTER: When have you felt left out?

Your group might have some funny stories of being left out, or others that are more emotive. Share as you feel comfortable.

Take it further : think also about your faith - when does being a Christian make you feel different or even excluded?

Jeremiah 29:7

“seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

DISCUSSION : 15 minutes

- What stands out to you about Daniel's response to living in Babylon in chapters 1 & 2?
- Why is it tempting either to withdraw from culture or to fight it? What does Daniel show us instead?
- Read Jeremiah 29:4-7. What might it look like for us to seek the good of the place where God has put us?

Daniel was taken from everything he knew into an unknown land. Yet, in this completely bewildering change, he remained faithful to God who is everlasting and unchanging.

Sherlon reminded us that as Christians we are building God's kingdom where ever we are. We can do that in many ways including:
Being faithful to God as in displaying God's character as we live
Being led by the Spirit in all that we do
Remembering God is sovereign above it all

DISCUSSION : 15 minutes

Daniel served faithfully but refused to compromise his integrity (Daniel 1:8).

- Where might our integrity be tested today?
- Which aspect of Daniel's character do you most want to grow in right now?
- Where in your life do you most need to remember that God is sovereign?

PRAYER AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In light of your discussions, choose one thing God is saying for you to do, or do differently, between now and next time you meet.

Pray for these things now. And next time you meet, ask each other how it went.