

# Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 14, 2024

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## ***Daniel 1:3-6 – Looking Up***

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you experienced a difficult situation you were forced into.
- What were your thoughts and feelings during that?
- How did things work out?

### QUICK REVIEW

**Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?**

### MAIN POINT

***Don't look back to the past. Don't look forward to the future. Look up to God.***

### DIGGING IN

#### **Read Daniel 1:3-6**

- What do you think these young men were thinking and feeling as they were forced into this difficult situation?

***Daniel and his friends changed a nation without TRYING to change a nation.***

#### **Read - Matthew 5:43-48**

- What is the focus of change Jesus shares in these verses?
- Have you ever tried real hard to love someone who hates you? How did that work out?
- What do you think is the secret to be able to love the way Jesus instructs?

- How could us living out Jesus' instruction create change in the situations we want to see change?
- What SAME ISSUE causes us to either, long for things of the past, or attach our hope to possibilities for the future?

### **Read - James 4:13-15**

- How can we plan for the future without attaching our hope to the future?
- What can we do to have a better attitude when we feel like we are stuck in a situation we don't want to be in?

## **PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS**

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports.

Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week.

Close with a time of prayer.