

Exiled Kingdom

TEXT: Daniel 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Serving as a group with the Connect Team** – leaders to share which week your group will serve.
 - **Covenant Member's Meeting** – October 21, 6:30pm to affirm Daniel Tripp as elder. We will share a meal together.
 - **Redeemer 101** – November 4, 4pm at FCS.
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LEADING OFF...

1. What is something you await?
2. What is the Kingdom of God?
3. Talk about how the, *"already but not yet"*, plays out through the Bible, and in life?

BIG IDEA: Kingdom citizens await the kingdom.

Read Daniel 6:1-3

4. Talk about Daniel's rise to power. What did Daniel seem to understand about his role in society (that we seem to misunderstand) and how that relates to the kingdom of God?

Read Daniel 6:4-5

5. Why does Daniel's life offend those around him?
6. How can we be careful to live out our faith in a way that might be offensive to some, but still honors God?
7. How can we be careful to honor the kingdom of God above our citizenship to our nation or other relationships?

Read Daniel 6:6-10

8. What is the difference between *flattery* and *a compliment*?
9. Why do you think King Darius bought into this flattery?
10. What did Daniel understand about this edict and what it would mean to him?
11. What are some things we see in Daniel's life and citizenship?
12. How should this make us evaluate our lifestyles?
13. What is the difference between seeing and referring to Jesus as a "personal savior", and not as "King"?
14. How might this mindset play out in the believer's life?
15. What are some things the rule and reign of King Jesus change?

Read Daniel 6:11-18

16. What are some ironies in this text?

Read Daniel 6:19-24

17. What is this representative of?
18. How does this encourage you in your salvation?

WRAPPING UP...

Read Daniel 6:25-28, Matthew 4:17, Revelation 21:1-5

19. How did Daniel's "forward looking theology" drive his life?
20. How does Jesus' coming point to a perfect Kingdom?
21. Jesus' death and resurrection purchased our citizenship. How does this affect the way you view His Kingdom, and why should we come back to this again and again?
22. What is the role of kingdom citizens today?