






## Sermon Discussion Guide

April 3, 2022

***Thriving in Exile***

<p><b>Gather</b></p> 	<p>... with your family          ... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call (eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, FaceBook Watch Party)</p>
<p><b>Grow</b></p> 	<p>Processing today's message...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aha!</b> – What did you learn? What challenged you?</li> <li>• <b>Uh-oh!</b> – What concerns did it raise?</li> <li>• <b>Hmmm!</b> – What do you need to think about some more?</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Dig a little deeper...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much time would you estimate that you spend in screen entertainment vs. spiritual input?</li> <li>2. Read Galatians 2:20. What does it mean to be “crucified with Christ”?</li> <li>3. What are some practical steps you will take to decrease screen time and increase face time with God?</li> <li>4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What do resist the world's efforts to squeeze us into it's mold?</li> <li>5. Read Mark 12:30- What does it look like to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength? What are some things that hinder that kind of passion for God?</li> </ol>
<p><b>Memory Verse Challenge:</b></p>	<p><b>Mark 12:30-</b> <i>And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.</i></p>
<p><b>Go</b></p> 	<p><b>How can you BLESS your neighbor this week?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin with Prayer</li> <li>• Listen</li> <li>• Eat</li> <li>• Serve</li> <li>• Share Your Story</li> </ul>

**Title:** Thriving in Exile

**Text:** Daniel 1:8-14, 3:16-18

## Introduction

Like Daniel and his friends, we are under constant pressure to deny the reality of God, to abandon our faith, to adopt the priorities, principles and practices of the world.

“What is digital Babylon”?

**Key statement:** *In the midst of a screen led culture, there remains a faithful few – a remnant –who are committed to core practices of resilient discipleship.*

What are the Core Practices of the remnant?

### 1. **Radical** Identity

- Daniel 1:8
- The King’s plan for identity theft
  - **Recruit** - Find the best young minds that Israel had to offer. (Daniel 1:3-4a)
  - **Retrain** – Replace what they had learned about God with the messages of Babylon. (Daniel 1:4b)
  - **Reassign** – Make them servants of Babylon rather than servants of God. (Daniel 1:5)
- *Core Commitments of a Resilient Disciple. I am committed to looking like Christ*  
Galatians 2:20

### 2. **Radical** Discipline (1:11-14)

- What is filling your mind?
- *Core Commitments of a Resilient Disciple. I am committed to living like Christ*
  - Exercise the discipline that is necessary to fill your life with things that will enable you to grow to look more like Christ.
    - Reduce Screen Time
    - Increase Face Time
  - I Cor. 9:24-27
  - Romans 12:2

### 3. **Radical** Loyalty

- Daniel 3:16-18
- *Core Commitments of a Resilient Disciple. I am committed to loving like Christ*
  - Mark 12:30
  - Romans 12:1