

Message Devotional & Discussion Questions 11/5/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Daniel

WEEK: 5

MESSAGE: You Are More Than Able

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

- 1. Daniel 6:3 tells us that Daniel was a great leader/administrator. Who was the best boss you ever had? Who is the worst boss you ever had? What made them the best and what made them the worst?
- 2. Talk about a time where you were rewarded for "blooming where you were planted"? What were the circumstances? What made it difficult to "bloom"?
- 3. Of the stories in the book of Daniel we covered in this series, which one is your favorite and which one challenged you the most?
- 4. Read Colossians 3:23-24. How do you interpret this verse? What does it look like to you to work for Jesus rather than people? What would be one area in your life you could apply this truth to?
- 5. Read Daniel 6:4. Who do you know lives a life of integrity? What are some examples from their life that exemplifies a life of integrity? Is there one that you have implemented into your life?
- 6. In Daniel 6:10 we see Daniel praying "as usual". What is your physical and spiritual "usual"? What do you lean into when you go through difficult times? Is there someone you know has a similar "usual" like Daniel you can glean from?
- 7. James 1:2-4. Your faith will not eliminate your difficult circumstances. But we are given a choice on how we navigate these difficult circumstances? What does James tell us to do and what are the results? What is one current "trial" you need to implement James' encouragement?
- 8. Read Daniel 6:20. What was the king's question to Daniel? If this question was asked of you while in the midst of an impossible life situation, what would be your response? What if God chose not to answer your prayer?
- 9. What life challenge or difficulty are you going through right now that you need people to pray with you? As a group pray for those challenges/difficulties. You might want to add in your prayer: "God you are able..."
- 10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is <u>one</u> action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.



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WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to **canvas.church/experience-god** or *Experience God* on the App.

GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- Prayer Question: "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right,** *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church