



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

9/24/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Daniel

WEEK: 1

MESSAGE: A Tale of Two Kingdoms

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. What is something you always want to know when you first meet someone? Why is that important to you?
2. We see that Daniel was a man of high integrity. How do you define integrity and give an example of how you have seen this definition lived out?
3. Describe a time when you felt like life was completely out of control. What did you do in the midst of the chaos? How did the situation turn out?
4. "Where our hope is placed determines the way we live our life." Read and discuss Daniel 7:13-14. Who is this prophecy speaking of? What is the promise of this prophecy and how can it impact my hope and faith moving forward?
5. Jesus followers belong to a different Kingdom. Read Philippians 3:20. Describe a time when you were in a situation that was different from what you were accustomed to? How did you navigate or adapt to the situation? How does your experience bring clarity to what we as followers of Christ are to experience in this world?
6. We read in John 17:15-16 and 18:36 that Jesus' kingdom is not an earthy one. How do we live our lives as being in the world but not of it? What does that look like? How does this life perspective shape how we tell others about Jesus?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. How do you interpret these verses? What would you consider "worldly desires"? What are some ways we can "live properly among your unbelieving neighbors" and why is this important?
8. What is the difference between an earthly life perspective and a kingdom life perspective? What are some of the characteristics for each?
9. Read Revelation 21:4-5. What are you looking forward to experiencing in heaven? What is so compelling about heaven that others need to hear?
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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.



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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