



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Announcements / Upcoming Events

- OCC Shoebox Season officially begins!
- Chili Cookoff, Nov 9 after Service
- Reset180 Gala, Nov 14 (sign up now)

WELCOME Where do you call 'home'?

WORSHIP *CityAlight - The God We Love (Nicene Creed) feat. Matt Redman*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vUjxxmve-o>

WORD *Message Title: "Babylon: In It, Not Of It | "What Is Babylon?" (Part 1)*
by Pastor Bryan James, 10/19/2024

Scripture: Revelation 1:3; Genesis 11:1-9, Revelation 17: 1-2;
Jeremiah 25:8-12; Jeremiah 29:4-11

1. Have a group member share a brief historical background of *Daniel*. Who was he? What was happening to the Israelites at this time in history?
2. *What is "Babylon"?* Describe the 'Babylon' that Americans live in today.
3. What do we gain from studying prophecy? What might we *lose* if we don't? (Share: Is prophecy something you embrace or tend to shy away from when studying the Bible? Why or Why not?)
4. Daniel was carried into exile to Babylon, yet able to maintain his faithfulness to God in the midst of its chaos (i.e, he lived *in it, not of it*). Do you find it easy or difficult to remember your identity and live faithfully as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, and not of the world? Why or why not?
5. What do you desire to learn during this study of Daniel? How do you hope to grow and mature, spiritually? Are there areas of your life you desire for the Holy Spirit to transform? Share and pray for one another about these matters.

WITNESS *Read Jeremiah 29:7. Consider the the community/neighborhood God has providentially placed you in and begin to pray with intention for its welfare. Ask the Lord to use you as His witness to reach the lost around you.*

CLOSING PRAYER Share prayer requests and pray for one another.
& INTERCESSION Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.