



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
TRUTH . LOVE . POWER

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 What is the story behind the name you were given?

WORSHIP *Read Psalm 145 or Listen to "How Great Is Your Name" - Passion*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vUjxxmve-o>

WORD *Message Title: "Babylon: In It, Not Of It | "Orientation" (Part 2)*
by Pastor Bryan James, 10/26/2024
Scripture: Daniel 1

1. What part of the message or Scripture stood out to you most this week? Why?

Read Daniel 1:1-7 and discuss the following:

2. What are the attributes of Daniel highlighted in the message? Why was this an asset to the King of Babylon?
3. Which of these qualities impresses you the most? Which qualities would personally help you the most living in today's "Babylon"?

Read verse 8-15 and discuss the following:

4. Why do you think Daniel drew the line when it came to eating the "royal food"? What was at stake for Daniel?
5. What would be an equivalent core conviction you have between God's way and the "royal food" of the world today? What is at stake for you in that choice?
6. "Sometimes faith is buying God time." What did Pastor Bryan mean by this? How would you apply this to a situation in your past or present?

Read verses 16-21 and discuss the following:

7. How do we glorify God when we have prominence? What would give others a witness that God is the Lord of All in your life? *What do you need to surrender in order for God to have it all?*

Digging Deeper - Inductive Bible Study (IBS)

For those studying *Daniel* using the IBS method, what additional insights did you gain through Observation, Interpretation, and Application (OIA) of the text? Share with the group:

- What insights did you gain about God, yourself and/or your circumstances?
- How would God have you apply what you learned to your life today?

WITNESS Consider the choices you make throughout the week that would be a witness for God's ways vs. the world's. Ask the Lord to use you to be salt and light and for opportunity to share your 'why' and the hope you have.

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