



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the message today that was particularly helpful? Anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Why did God deliver King Jehoakim into Nebuchadnezzar's hand? What significance does this have?
3. In the message today, Pastor David said that, "God is in control of our new world." Do you agree or disagree? In what way? How does that make you feel?
4. It would seem that Daniel and his buddies were God-believing and God-obeying young men. How do you feel about them suffering because of the sins of others? How does this apply to our day?
5. Put yourself in Daniel's shoes... you're young, held captive against your will, forced to submit to a pagan culture, a pagan education, a pagan name change, (some even think castration) – How would you have acted and thought? How did he?
6. How does it seem many Christians react to our new world? Why do you think they react the way they do? What can we learn from that?
7. Discuss "tolerance" & "intolerance" in regards to Daniel. Was he one or the other? How do you feel about Christians boycotting? Pros? Cons?
8. Could our culture's intolerance of Christians today be because "Christians" once had the upper hand and were intolerant then?
9. How would you describe Daniel's faith as he faced his new world? Do you see that kind of faith on display today? What about you? How is your faith being played out?
10. What practical things must you do to "thrive" in our new world? How can we help hold you accountable to those things?