

CAPTIVITY

What new thing did you learn from this week's reading?

What stood out the most to you from the reading?

Take a moment to read & reflect upon favorite passages from this week's part of the story?

THE STORY CONTINUES

Daniel 1-3, Nehemiah 1-6.3, Haggai 1-2, Malachi 3-4

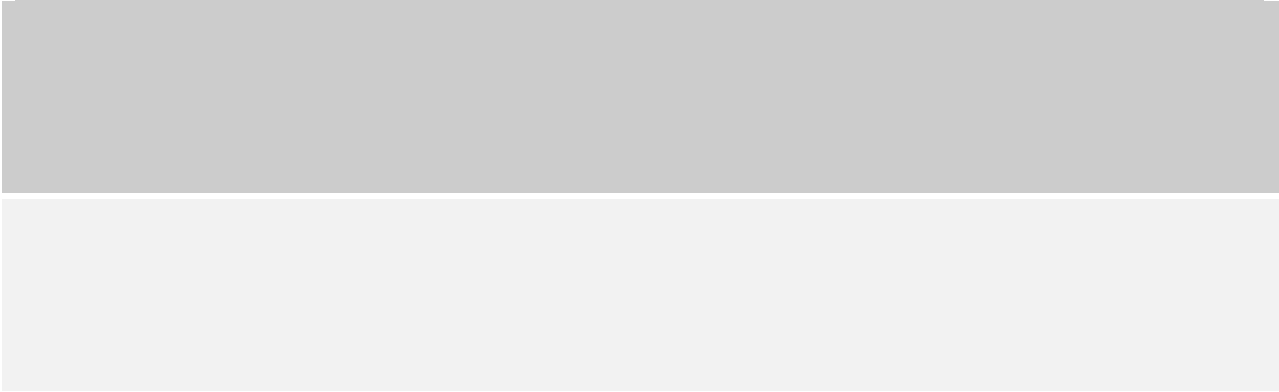
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Daniel

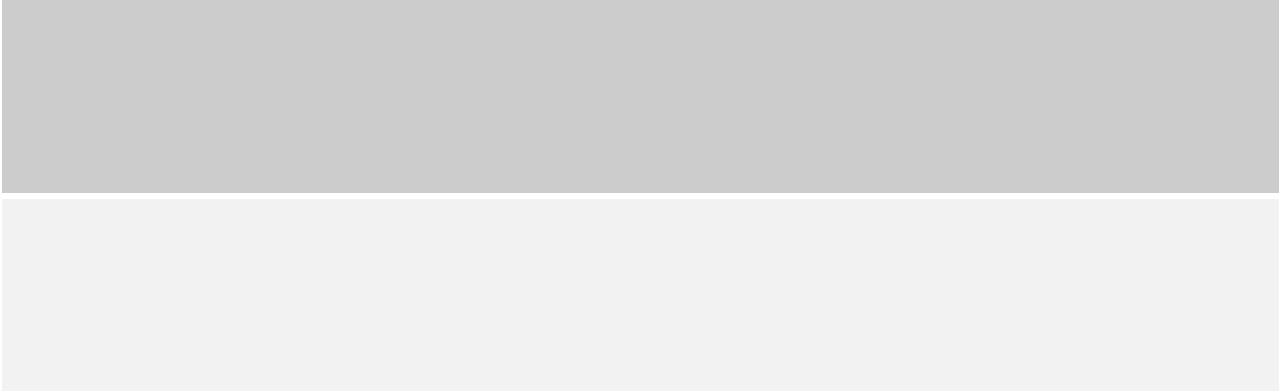
Ezra-Nehemiah

Esther

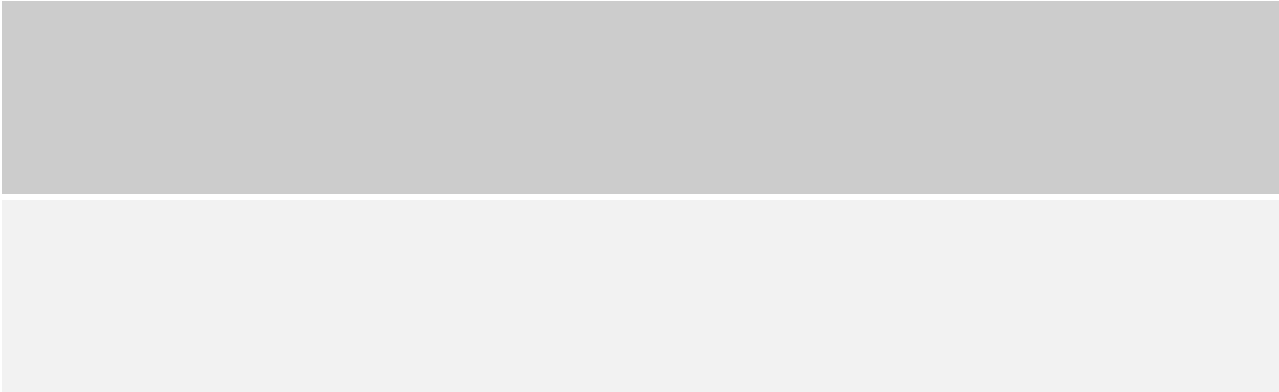
Haggai



Zechariah



Malachi



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What consequences do we face by not following/ responding to God?

Why do we separate worship from our daily rhythms and concerns?

What can we learn from Daniel, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi about living by faith?

Do you have more difficulty accepting Jesus' deity or humanity?

HOMework

Before our next meeting on March 27, 2024:

Memorize

- John 1.14

Biblical Text

- Matthew 1-4, 11
- Mark 1-3
- Luke 1-2, 8
- John 1-4

Read

- Duvall/ Hays – *Living God's Word*, Chapter 10, pg 113-118
- Duvall/ Hays – *Living God's Word*, Chapter 11, pg 121-139

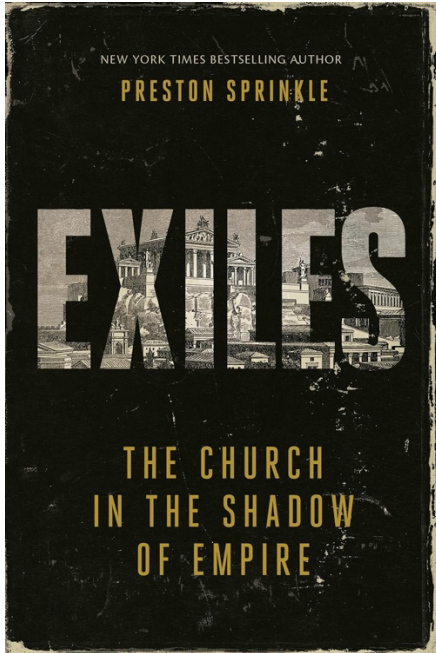
Watch

- Hays – *Living God's Word*, Chapter 10, Video

Complete

- Choose 1 writing assignment from Duvall/ Hays – *Living God's Word*, pg 139
- Personal Reflection Questions

Sprinkle, Dr. Preston M. *Exiles: The Church in the Shadow of Empire*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C Cook, 2024.



A thoughtful exploration of the intersection of faith and politics, *Exiles* asks: What if we considered ourselves “exiles in Babylon” and turned to Scripture, not political parties, to shape our most passionate values?

Politics are dividing our churches like never before. New York Times–bestselling author Dr. Preston M. Sprinkle reminds us that the first-century church was not an apolitical gathering, where Christians left their Roman politics at the door. It also wasn’t a place where Christians mounted a Roman flag next to—or above—a Christian one. Church was a place where God’s plan for governing the world was revealed, where one could witness what it means to follow the Creator’s design for human flourishing.

In this timely book, Preston explores why:

- Israel’s exile to Babylon profoundly shaped the political identity of God’s people—and still does today.
- Christians should see themselves as foreigners in the country where they live.
- The gospel of Jesus’ kingdom was politically subversive.
- The church today should view its political identity as fundamentally separate from the empire.

Total allegiance to a political party dilutes the church’s witness. Discover a more biblical, powerful way to live in a secular world. Discover what it means to live in exile.