



GUARD

Sermon Discussion Questions - May 3 & 5, 2024

Follow: Guard - Week 1

Daniel 1:1-8

Sermon Resources

Every week, we cultivate a list of resources to help you dig even deeper into the text and message from a weekend service. You can check them out at cornerstonechurch.community/resources.

Cornerstone Men

More than just pancakes and devotions, Cornerstone Men exists to build a community of men who face the challenges of life together and learn to follow Jesus more closely through action and shared experiences. cornerstonechurch.community/men

Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

cornerstonechurch.community/women

RightNow Media

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media, so if your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site! rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi

Meal for Celebrate Recovery

Each week, a small group provides dinner for those in attendance at Celebrate Recovery. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at gdwight@cornerstone.team

Daniel 1:1-8

Questions:

- Daniel and his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) are very popular Bible characters. What do you think of when you hear their names? Did you grow up hearing any of their stories? If yes, which one was your favorite?
- Read Daniel 1:1-8. Daniel and his friends faced an unbelievable challenge when they were taken into captivity. How did they respond to this trial? What can we learn from their faith in response to their difficult situation?

- In verse 8, Daniel bravely decided not to defile himself with the king's food. Have you ever faced pressures in today's culture that challenged your convictions? What helped you to stand firm in your faith in that situation?
- Daniel is a great example of "Guard" because he placed protective boundaries for himself, even when far away from his home and any parental oversight. What kind of boundaries do you have in place for your life? (These could be to protect yourself, your marriage, your family, your friendships, your time, etc.) How do you maintain them?
- Daniel and his friends supported each other in their commitment to God while in exile. Who in your life has been your greatest "accountability partner" ? How can your group help hold you accountable during this season of your life?
- Despite the risks, Daniel trusted in God's provision when he requested a different diet. How can we better trust in God's provision in our lives, even when our circumstances seem uncertain or scary?
- When Daniel restricted his food, God dramatically blessed his obedience! Have you ever seen a direct blessing from God because you were obedient, either through fasting or another discipline?
- Finally, spend some time thinking about what your group wants to gain from our Follow: Guard series. What could your group do to create healthier habits, set boundaries, or engage personal accountability? Pray together, and ask God to reveal those opportunities!