



LIFEgroup STUDY GUIDE

What you will need to supplement this guide:

1. A copy of the outline provided for notes on this message (copy from message or downloaded from the COASTAL APP).
2. A Bible or Bible APP to refer to verses.

PURSUING LIFE TOGETHER

SUNDAY MESSAGE REVIEW

NOTE to the LIFEgroup Leader: This guide is provided as a tool to assist you in facilitating a structured discussion with your group. When used in conjunction with the outline notes and a Bible this tool will ensure that your group will *Engage Authentically*. The questions are merely recommended “talk starters”. It is important for you to let God help you navigate through the conversation as you *pursue life together* as a group.

OPEN IN PRAYER

STARTER QUESTIONS:

Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?

What stood out to you from the message this week?

MAIN IDEA:

- REVIEW THE MAIN TOPIC OF THE MESSAGE. Allow time for discussion
- READ THE MAIN SCRIPTURE FROM THE MESSAGE OUTLINE.

How did this verse speak to you in your life?

- REVIEW THE SUB-TOPICS of the MESSAGE.

Have someone read each of the verses that were highlighted in the message, and briefly discuss.

Is there an area that you feel God is speaking to you through this message?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

- SUMMARIZE the main idea of this message.

Would anyone like to share your thoughts about what we discussed today?

How can we pray for you as a group?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

RESILIENCE

“Who’s Really In Charge Around Here?”

Take-Aways from Daniel 2:

1. There is a God and You’re not Him.

Signs of a “God-Complex”:

- Enablers (vs. 4) Advisors: *“Oh king, live forever!”*
- Manipulative (vs. 6) King: *“I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream.”*
- Suspicious (vs. 9) King: *“You have conspired to tell me lies.”*
- Unreasonable (vs. 10) Advisors: *“The king’s demand is impossible.”*
- Easily Frustrated (vs. 12) *“The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed.”*

“Fundamental to the recovery process is that healing and sanity begin with a single realization that I am not God.”

-Ernest Kurtz, Alcoholics Anonymous

Satan: *“God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil.”*

Genesis 3:4-5 (NLT)

2. God has a big-picture plan and everybody chooses to be part of it or not.

“The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future.”

Daniel 2:45 (NIV)

“In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.”

Daniel 2:31-35 (NLT)

The Fulfillment of the King's Dream

PART	MATERIAL	KINGDOM	PERIOD OF DOMINATION
<u>Head</u>	Gold	Babylonian	606 B.C. – 539 B.C.
<u>Chest</u> & <u>Arms</u>	Silver	Medo- Persian	539 B.C. – 331 B.C.
<u>Belly</u> & <u>Thighs</u>	Bronze	Grecian	331 B.C. - 146 B.C.
<u>Legs</u> & <u>Feet</u>	Iron & Clay	Roman	146 B.C. – 476 A.D.
<u>Rock</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>	<u>God's</u>	<u>"Never Ends"</u>



"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed... This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain." Daniel 2:44-45 (NIV)

3. Because God is trustworthy, we can praise Him right now, in the middle of our stories...

"Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men." Daniel 2:48 (NLT)

"Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light." Daniel 2:19-22 (NLT)