

DANIEL

at  **BROOKSIDE
CHURCH**

Resolve

June 9, 2024 | Daniel 1:1-21

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Daniel 1:1-21*

1. Icebreaker: Share a “cross-cultural experience” you’ve had. This could be a trip overseas or any experience where you were around different customs, languages, or ways of doing things.
2. From Daniel 1:1-7, make a list of reasons that Daniel and his friends would have felt pressure to assimilate into Babylonian culture.
3. How can living faithfully for Jesus in our world today be difficult?
4. Why is it important for followers of Jesus to live faithfully for Jesus in our world today?
5. How do you see Daniel and his friends living faithfully in Daniel 1:8-14?
6. What are areas of life in which followers of Jesus should live distinctly from the culture around us today?
7. Summarize how Daniel approaches the court official with his resolved decision (Daniel 1:8-14). What stands out to you about Daniel’s approach?
8. What examples of “triumph over exile” do you see in Daniel 1? (That is, how does Daniel’s faithfulness make a difference? Where do you see God at work in this story?)
9. Three takeaways were mentioned at the end of the message and are listed below. For each one, briefly summarize what it means and a practical way you can apply this take-away in your life.
 - Remember your identity.
 - Resolve to live faithfully.
 - Hope in the triumph that Jesus wins.
10. What other questions or comments do you have about what you’ve looked at in the Bible today?
11. What is your biggest takeaway from what you’ve discussed so far? What practical steps will you take to apply what you’ve seen in God’s Word?
12. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you’re learning this coming week?
13. **Challenge: Memorize Hebrews 13:14** — “For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.”