

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



*These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.*

### Overview

Sermon: *Eternal Flame*

*"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."*

– Daniel 2:20-23 (NIV)

### Discussion

1. Are you able to remember your dreams when you wake-up? Describe a dream that you had recently to the group. Did the dream make any sense? What do you think it meant? Have you ever had a dream where you thought God might be trying to tell you something? Explain.
2. Read Daniel chapter 2. Summarize the events of chapter 2 with a partner. Help each other fill in the gaps. What do you find particularly interesting in this story? What intrigues you? What questions arise? How might God be trying to speak to you as you read this story?
3. Nebuchadnezzar's magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers could read and interpret signs. What could they not do? How was Daniel's wisdom different than theirs? Describe the source of Daniel's wisdom and power and how he came by it. What can we learn from this?
4. "Wisdom is not a lesson to be learned but a relationship to be enjoyed." – Tremper Longman III. Try not to over focus on the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream but Daniel's ability to interpret it. Where do you need God's wisdom and power to interpret events in your life?
5. The elements of the statue represent different kingdoms, beginning with Babylon, with decreasing power and influence. From Daniel 2, describe the rock that breaks the statue to pieces. How does the rock represent God's sovereignty and his ultimate, lasting power? How can God's power outlast our world's current challenges, corruptions, and compromising situations?

### Application

6. Where do you see God's wisdom, power, and kingdom at work mightily in this world today?
7. Where do you need God's wisdom, power, and kingdom to rule supreme in your life?

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