

# RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide  
November 5, 2017



## Courageous Faith for Crazy Times – Week #5

### INTRO:

We're at week 5 of this series... How has it shaped or changed your perspective on the culture around you? Do you see modern culture as uniquely evil and corrupt or simply as the continuation of the fallenness of humanity? Does that make you feel better or worse about engaging today's culture?

### DIVE IN:

**We continue this week with Daniel 5 – King Nebby K is gone, but the Babylonian State of Mind continues as Belshazzar takes leadership. Read the chapter of Daniel 5 together and then discuss the following questions...**

1. Belshazzar throws a party and calls for the stolen goods from the Jewish culture that Nebby K stole (vs 1-5). Even though Nebby K converted to Jewish faith and recognized God, he kept the loot. Do you have things lingering from your past that you still haven't gotten rid of or made restoration for?
2. We get the phrase "the writing on the wall" from this passage (vs 5-6). Literally it now means the obvious warning in front of us. When have you seen God's warnings presented in your life? What did you do? Is there anything glaring currently that God's trying to communicate to you?
3. Once again, it takes quite a while before the leaders of Babylon to turn to Daniel even though he's successfully interpreted this kind of thing multiple times already (vs 7-12). Often times we know the right thing to do or person to turn to in our lives and yet we rarely go to them or do that first. Why do we put off or avoid the things we know we should engage when God prompts?
4. The king tries to butter Daniel up before asking him for the interpretation of the words (vs 13-16). Daniel rejects it (vs 17). What is culture tempting you with that you need to reject while still being faithful to what God's calling you to?
5. The Lord holds the future of all our lives in His hands. Discuss how the key to understanding our own life lies in knowing the Father who knows every detail of our lives.
6. Pastor Paul said "Anything we have plenty of we treat carelessly, but anything that's limited we value." How can we value our days more, knowing that they're truly limited?
7. Often we find ourselves so busy and our world so loud, that we realize we aren't hearing from God. Discuss the idea that He's always speaking, but our world is too loud to hear Him. What can we do to be able to hear God more clearly?

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8. Are you living your life with a sense of purpose and urgency? Discuss what your purpose is. How do you know that's your purpose? How can purpose bring clarity and perspective to your life?
9. Pastor Paul encouraged us to consider “what if you had thirty days to live?” What would you start doing that you're not doing? What would you stop doing that you are doing? In what ways is your life out of balance?
10. Measure the things that you would do differently if you knew for certain that your days were numbered. Begin to implement those changes this week. Choose to rebalance your life based on what you were created to do and the things that are truly the most important.

### NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?