



## Discussion Guide

### Week 6 | The Prophets Daniel & Hulda

Gather together between November 23-29

**Begin by inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.** Ask God for open heartedness and pathways to discover God, self, and each other even this day.

Pastor Clare and Pastor Scott's powerful exploration of prophetic identity challenges us to understand who we truly are in God's eyes versus who the world tries to name us.

Through the story of Daniel and his friends in Babylonian captivity, we discover that mature prophecy isn't fueled by outrage but by love filtered through tears. Daniel's refusal to accept the pagan names forced upon him—names designed to strip away his Hebrew identity and allegiance to God—teaches us a crucial lesson: we don't control what others call us, but we absolutely control what we answer to and who we answer to.

His Hebrew name meant 'God is my judge,' while the Babylonians tried to rename him Belteshazzar, meaning 'Baal protects his life.' Yet Daniel never took that name. He served with excellence in Babylon without compromising his identity or weaponizing his faith. This is the heart of prophetic living—staying grounded in God's truth about us even when surrounded by systems that don't share our values.

We're also introduced to the prophet Hulda, a woman nobody expected God to use, yet King Josiah sought her out for a word from the Lord. Her story reminds us that God doesn't choose based on resumes, brilliance, or beauty—God chooses those who are devoted and grounded.

As we navigate our own 'exile' in a culture that constantly tries to rename us with labels like 'not enough,' 'too much,' 'broken,' or 'disqualified,' we're called to remember whose we are: beloved, chosen, whole, holy, called, and sent.



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### **Read Daniel 3**

What 'nicknames' or labels has the world tried to place on you, and how do they differ from the identity God speaks over you?

In what ways might you be allowing culture, past wounds, or other people's opinions to define you rather than anchoring your identity in what God says about you?

The sermon contrasts King Nebuchadnezzar looking for resumes with King Josiah looking for devotion. What does this reveal about how God chooses and uses people differently than the world does?

Huldah was a relatively unknown woman prophet whom King Josiah sought out. When have you received a powerful word from someone the world might consider 'small' or insignificant?