



REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE LIFE GIVING MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST

## The Daniel Dilemma: Culture's Greatest Culprit

### Big Idea:

It's clear that culture is shifting all around us. As Christians, how can we live Godly in an ungodly age? Daniel faced this same challenge living in Babylon. The book of Daniel reveals to us principles that help us remain steady, even as culture around us changes. Dr. Greg showed us that culture's greatest culprit is to use good to keep us from God. This week we learned about the "handwriting on the wall" or the signs that things in our life may be out of order. Through this passage we were reminded to live with a sense of purpose and urgency, and to put God first without waiting. As we live in a culture that continues to shift more and more, we need to continue to make God the priority in our lives. Through seeking God's word and His presence daily we can have the power and presence to stand firm and love well.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

### Community Group Questions:

1. Dr. Greg 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?
2. God gives us warning signs to help grow us and protect us. Why do you believe we're so inclined to ignore those warning signs?
3. 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?
4. 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?

### Prayer Focus:

Praise God today and thank Him for each day of your life that He has already given you. Acknowledge that every day is a gift from Him and belongs to Him. Ask God to be the Lord of your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom to live your days with purpose, choosing God over what the culture has to offer.

### Next Steps:

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.