

2. How do you relate to the sense that you are “foreigners and strangers in a hostile land”? How is it encouraging to belong to an eternal kingdom with an eternal king?

3. Read Daniel chapter two. Compare it to Jesus’ words in Matthew 13:31b-32. In what ways are both Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and Jesus’ parable telling the same story?

4. Review the men’s reply to the king in Daniel 3:16-18. How could you apply the pattern of their response to a trial you or others are currently facing?

5. Review Daniel 3:25. What were the residual effects of the fiery ordeal the three men had been through? Again, think of a trial you’ve gone through, or are in right now; what would it be like for you to have a similar experience?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you’ve heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

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video greeting or
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For next week’s Christmas celebration, we want to see you! Take a quick video wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and send it to kentrich@icloud.com by Tuesday, December 22!

MESSAGE NOTES WITH US

TODAY: PRESENCE • DANIEL 3:1-29

THE BOTTOM LINE

SINCE JESUS IS _____ OUR
SITUATION IS _____.

“Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” – Luke 2:10-11 NLT

THE WEARY & HEAVY-LADEN FIND REST

"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

– Matthew 11:28-30 NASB



The cry of the Christian religion is the gentle word, "Come." Jesus is the good Shepherd going before his sheep, bidding them follow him, and ever leading them onwards with the sweet word, "Come."

– C.H. Spurgeon in *Morning & Evening*:

**WE ARE _____ &
_____ IN A _____ LAND**

When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." – Daniel 3:5-61 NLT

**OUR _____ IS IN AN _____ KING
OF AN _____ KINGDOM**

"They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up." – Daniel 3:11 NLT

"O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." – Daniel 3:16-18 NLT

The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth. – Daniel 2:35 NLT

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." – Matthew 13:31b-32 NLT

[Abraham] lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents...Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

– Hebrews 11:9-10 NLT

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance...they were foreigners and strangers on earth. – Hebrews 11:13 NIV

"My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over...But my Kingdom is not of this world." – John 18:36 NLT

**OUR KING IS _____
ENOUGH TO _____ US**

"Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!"

Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

– Daniel 3:25 NLT

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"He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" – Luke 2:32 NLT

THE CHALLENGE

When you're _____,
pray and ask the Lord, _____?

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

- 1. Jesus invited those who are "weary and heavy-laden" to come to him for rest. Where do you feel weary or burdened and most need rest?**