

Exiled: A Study of Daniel

Introduction

Daniel 1

4.17.16

Reminders

Parent/Child Dedication

(Mother's Day, May 8th and Father's Day, June 19th)

Contact Heather Phillips for more information or to Sign Up

Remember

Talk with your group about hospitality. Who did they meet at our Exodus gathering this week? Encourage them to engage new people they meet with two questions: How did you hear about Exodus? Can I help you get connected here?

What are some of your memories of the Book of Daniel? Favorite Story?

Read Daniel 1:1-8

What are some things that stand out to you from the passage?

What are some things from the sermon on Sunday that stand out to you?

Deepen

Discuss the history that lead us to Daniel. Read the following passages

- 2 Chronicles 36:5-14
 - Jehoiakim - First Exile
 - Jehoiachin - Second Exile
 - Zedekiah - Final Exile and Destruction of Jerusalem
- Jeremiah 2:11-13 - what has God's people done?
- Jeremiah 3:11-14 - What is God's heart for his people?
- Jeremiah 21:4-10 - How do you see God's discipline here? Mercy?

Read and Discuss Jeremiah 29:4-14.

- How does this shape our understanding of the exile?
- How does the context need to shaper our understanding of vv. 11-14?

Read Daniel 1:2. When you read "The Lord gave", how does your heart process that?

Brian talked about how the dearest treasures of God's people were defiled in Daniel 1. What did that mean?

Talk about some of the themes we see in Daniel. How do those encourage us?

- God's Sovereignty over Human History.
- We can Trust God when things are hard.
- God will deliver his people.

Transform

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

When you think about the call to live as aliens and strangers, how do you process this?

How is this a privilege and an opportunity?

How can we live this out better as a community group?

When you think about Jesus being born from the Exiled Tribe of Judah, how does this give you insight into God's plan in the exile?

How does it help you trust God when things are hard?