

## Exiled: Daniel 4

5.15.16

### Reminders

- *Baby Bottle Blessings* - Every year we try to support our neighbors at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County. Between now and Fathers Day, pick up a baby bottle in the hallways if you haven't already, fill it with change, and return it by Fathers Day.
- *Exodus Music Album Now Available*- "Christ Has Triumphed" is officially now available anywhere music is sold online (itunes, spotify, amazon, etc.). If you prefer a physical copy of the CD, you can order those off our website or go to ExodusMusic.org. We hope it is a blessing to you and your people.
- *Baptism* - We are having believer's baptism on June 12. Contact a pastor or elder if you are interested in being baptized
- *Exodus Kids Extreme* - Exodus Kids Extreme is the VBS of Exodus Church. This year's theme is "Plugged-In!"

Who: **Rising K - 5th Grade.**

When: **July 18-21, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for now, more information to come

- *Remember to invite folks you meet on Sundays to our group.*

### Remember

What are some things that stand out to you about our study of the Book of Daniel? What have you learned from the series?

Read Daniel 4

What stands out to you from the passage? What do you remember from Sunday that was particularly helpful?

### Deepen

We have learned that the Babylonian Exile had three purposes: God's Judgment, God's Mercy and God's Mission. How does Daniel 4 show those being fulfilled?

Compare Nebuchadnezzar's words in the following passages.

- Daniel 2:46-47
- Daniel 3:28-30
- Daniel 4:1-3

As you look at Daniel's response to Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:19-27, what are some qualities we see in Daniel that we emulate in our interactions with others?

How does 1 Peter 3:8-17 amplify our understanding of Daniel's interaction with Nebuchadnezzar?

What are some specific ways you can apply what you have learned from Daniel's response to Nebuchadnezzar in your life?

### Transform

What is going on in Nebuchadnezzar's heart in Daniel 4:30?

Nebuchadnezzar's pride is very rebellious toward God. There is a pride that has a religious veneer to it. Jesus tells a story in Luke 18:9-14. Read and discuss the following.

- How does pride show up in this passage?
- Where is the religious veneer (hint: read v. 11 - "I thank you")?
- What is the hope of the passage?

Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of the largest Empire of his time. We are not that, but how might we think or even say Daniel 4:30 in our own lives? How are we prone toward that kind of hubris?

How can the following verses help us fight against pride?

- 1 Corinthians 4:7
- 1 Peter 5:5-7

How can we help one another fight this sinful tendency together?

How does the passage inform how we might pray for those who lead us in every sphere? Government Leaders? Church Leaders? Business leaders?

Close your time by praying for leaders in our church, government, etc.