

Daniel 5 - Discussion Guide

Praying for Leaders Humility

Reminders

- 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 are having believer’s baptism on June 12. Contact a pastor or elder if you are interested in being baptized.
- Exodus Kids Extreme is the VBS of Exodus Church. This year’s theme is “PluggedIn!”
Who: Rising K - 5th Grade.
When: July 20-23, 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 5

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

Deepen

Daniel lived an exemplary life among leaders of the Babylonian nation. What are some ways we’ve seen Daniel live humbly, courageously, or simply showing respect to those in authority?

Read 1st Timothy 2:1-3

- Considering that Nero was the emperor in power when Paul wrote this ... What does this say about God’s desire for us to pray for others?
- Who are the people that are hardest for us to pray for? What does this reveal to us about our functional belief in the gospel?

Staying updated on the details of cultural or political issues can sometimes bring anxiety or worry if things don’t seem to be going the way we’d like. Read the following and discuss how immersing ourselves in prayer and the word counteract this?

Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 46:1-3, Psalm 55:22, John 16:33,

Transform

Ben spoke about our “empires of dirt” that we sometimes construct and ultimately put our hope in. What are some examples? (examples ... approval of others, political systems, cultural norms, peace in our family, career success, financial stability, or even our health).

While these can be good things ... When our hope is ultimately in our own empires we can feel lost or angry when our empires are under attack. We need to instead place our hope in the eternal kingdom of King Jesus. How do we need to repent of placing our hope in our own empires of dirt?

Ben reminded us that over us is written the same condemning message that King Belshazzar read - "You've been measured and Found wanting". And yet for the believer, God adds to our message a final phrase - Tetelestai (Paid in full). How should living in light of that Gospel truth change how we relate to and pray for those who have authority over us?

Close your time in prayer. Take a few minutes to pray for our governmental leaders locally, or nationally. Also pray for leaders within Exodus (CG Leaders, Deacons, or Pastors).