



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

September 19, 2021

Daniel 1:1-21

“God Reigns in Babylon”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. In Daniel 1, the people of God are taken into captivity in Babylon where they are forced to live in exile. In a similar way, we live as the people of God in a world that is not our true home. What is the value in recognizing that we are pilgrims and sojourners in this world?
 - a. What are some similarities we see between Daniel’s Babylon and our present world?
2. Tony emphasized that the primary message of this book is not – be like Daniel, but rather, believe in the God of Daniel. Why is it important that we make this distinction from the outset of our study?
 - a. What value do we gain in turning our focus to the Lord instead of merely focusing on man?
3. Daniel highlights the Lord’s sovereignty and faithfulness to His people, even in a time of uncertainty. How can refocusing on the Lord’s unchanging nature help us in our times of trial or uncertainty?
4. This passage challenges us to test ourselves to see the ways we are too at home in this world. What are some particular ways we are drawn to conform to the world’s image?
 - a. How can we best apply wisdom as we live faithfully today – avoiding extreme displays of assimilation or separatism?
5. Daniel 1:8 demonstrates how our daily decisions declare our allegiance to Christ. What are some of the small, yet profound, ways the Lord is asking us to be faithful in our daily lives?
 - a. How does cultivating a lifestyle of obedience prepare us for the days of greater trial?
6. How does Daniel help inform our disciple-making today? What does it look like to give the world a glimpse of our true home as we live in this season of temporary exile?
7. We concluded our study with a reflection on Jesus. In what ways does Daniel 1 help us look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus in the New Testament?