

***Daniel and the Lion's Den***  
Stories We Thought We Knew  
Daniel 1, 6  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.*

### **Listening**

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

### **Engaging**

The Book of Daniel seems to have two very different parts or genres. How do you think the apocalyptic/prophetic content alongside the narrative content serves the purpose of meeting an exiled people?

Daniel was a teenager when he was a part of the community the was exiled into Babylon, and approximately 80 years old when he entered the lion's den. Discuss the unique challenges and opportunities that are developed in faith in a foreign, wayward culture in both of these seasons of life (and maybe others in between).

### **Applying**

Discuss practical ways you might make a 'pre-decision' towards things in your own context that might otherwise sweep you further and further from faithfulness to the Lord.

When we read through the account of chapter 6, we see that even the king found himself controlled by the ways of Babylon over even his own will, things he felt very strongly about. How do you think a society can get so powerful that even those in the most powerful positions find themselves powerless to effect the decisions they feel strongly about?

### **Praying**

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?  
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?  
What can we praise God for?  
How can we pray for our church?