

# **The Life of Daniel Week 5**

## **The Writing on the Wall**

### **(Small Groups Participant Guide)**

## **Group Time**

### **Introduction**

In our study on the life of Daniel, we have looked at Daniel's courage in the face of a culture that lived contrary to his godly convictions. We've talked about how to stand in the fire, trusting in God, and we've delved into living humbly. Today we find ourselves in Daniel chapter 5, where Daniel's godly character stood out in a world of ungodly characters. We'll see that one man left a legacy for the kingdom of God and the other was found wanting.

### **Discussion Questions and Leader Notes**

- 1.** Read Daniel 5, taking turns as you read. In what ways was King Belshazzar found "deficient" by God (Refer to verses 22-27)? How might Christians today fall prey to Belshazzar's deficiencies? What can we take away from this passage for our own lives?
- 2.** Though Belshazzar knew about Nebuchadnezzar's similar history, he chose to ignore it. Why do you think he did that? Read Hebrew's 11:32-39. How are these two passages alike? What is our takeaway from these passages?
- 3.** While Belshazzar was found wanting, Daniel's life pleased God. Refer to Daniel 5:11-14. What sort of man was Daniel, according to this passage? What legacy did Daniel leave for us? Has anyone in your life left an extraordinary legacy for you (good or bad)? Share how that impacted you.
- 4.** Read Psalm 90:12. What does this psalm mean? Practically speaking, how can we live out this psalm?

## **Taking it Home**

### **Going Deeper**

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### **Memory Verse**

Psalm 90:12: “So teach us to number our days,  
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.”

### **Notes**

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