

The Life of Daniel Week 6

Habits That Shape Our Destiny

(Small Groups Participant Guide)

Group Time

Introduction

Navigating Babylon as a believer was a challenge in Daniel's time, and it is a challenge for us today. Daniel was in a war, and it required Spirit-led integrity and determined refusal to compromise, to fight every spiritual battle he faced. How do we live in our culture, yet refuse to be marinated in it? How can we live in a world that increasingly hates the Spirit of God in us? Let's see, as we continue to study how Daniel did it and just what habits he had.

Discussion Questions and Leader Notes

- 1.** Read Daniel 6:6-9. Do you see any similarities in the laws made in Daniel's Babylon and our modern-day "Babylon," which directly oppose our obedience to God? Discuss some other current issues in our world today that are impacting Christians. What can we do to prepare for these changes?
- 2.** Read Daniel 6:10-13 and Acts 5:27-29. Compare these scriptures to Romans 13:1-5. How do we reconcile these two seemingly opposing ideas? Share examples of when you had to submit or when you had to stand.
- 3.** Read Daniel 6:1-4 and 16-27. Beginning at Jesus' arrest, compare the similarities between Daniel's story and Jesus' (if needed, read Luke 2:52, 6:7 and John 19:4). How is this comparison relevant to us today?
- 4.** Keeping in mind the amazing rescues from the fiery pit in Daniel 3, and the lions in chapter 6, Read 1 Peter 4:12, 5:6-11 and 1:7. Do you think there is any significance to the fire and

lions in the book of Daniel? How are all of these verses applicable to us today?

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Memory Verse

1 Peter 5:10: “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.”

Notes

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