

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Where the Real Focus Lies (Daniel #2)

Week of **March 17, 2019**

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1. Daniel requested a meeting with the king before God had revealed the dream and interpretation to him. What does this tell us about the faith of Daniel?

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2. a. Daniel immediately went to his close companions and asked them to join him in prayer. How can Christians today follow this example?

b. When God answered Daniel's and his friends' prayers, Daniel immediately praised and thanked God. What does this teach us about Daniel's humility and relationship with God?

c. Choose three truths stated in Daniel's prayer and discuss what they teach us about God.



Read Daniel 2:30

3. As Ed pointed out in his message, this verse indicates that God was up to more than solely providing knowledge about a dream. What are some other ways that God used this situation to display His mercy and grace?

Read Daniel 2:44

4. a. What does this verse teach us about God's Kingdom?

b. Why does this description of God's Kingdom bring hope to Christians?

Read James 3:17

5. How can this passage help Christians discern Godly wisdom?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

6. Daniel stepped out in faith, even when he did not know what the future held. He shared in prayer with his brothers in the Lord, and when his prayer was answered, he immediately responded with thanksgiving and praise. Do you feel you could grow in any of these areas? If so, what would this look like for you?

MEMORY VERSE

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity..." (Proverbs 2:6-7)

PRAYER

Close in prayer, thanking God for being the source of all knowledge and wisdom, and for always being at work, doing more than what we can see. Ask Him for an unshakeable faith, as Daniel displayed.



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