

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Forgetful Faith (Daniel #5)

Week of April 7, 2019

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is your least favorite and most favorite thing to spend money on? Why?

DISCUSSION

1. a. Take a moment to glance through Daniel 5. As we've walked through the book of Daniel, what patterns have emerged?

b. Likewise, how were the sins of Belshazzar (Daniel 5) similar to Nebuchadnezzar's (Daniel 4)? Compare and contrast how the two men were humbled.

Read Daniel 5:18-23

2. What was King Belshazzar's sin? Why was he in the wrong with God?
3. What does Daniel chapter 5 help teach us about who God is?



Read Proverbs 16:17-19

4. How do the principles in this passage relate to the story of Belshazzar?
5. We live after the death and resurrection of Jesus, a time much different than the Babylonians. However, the sins of pride, irreverence, and forgetfulness are still common. What are some ways we see these today?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

6. Belshazzar was forgetful of a lesson God had taught his predecessor. Is there a teaching or lesson from God that you are prone to forget?
7. A common practice of the ancient Israelites was to pile stones in a place to serve as a reminder of what God had done (see Joshua 4). What is a similar practice you could implement in your own life?

MEMORY VERSE

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:10)

PRAYER

Close in prayer by thanking God for consistently showing His character throughout the Bible and history. Ask His Spirit to help us be people who live in reverence and remembrance of Him.

