

DISCUSSIONGUIDE

Firm Faith (Daniel #6)

Week of April 14, 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)

When you were a little kid, what did you dream of growing up to be?

DISCUSSION

Read Daniel 6:10

- Daniel chose to pray in his upper chamber with open windows. Why is this significant?

b. "As he had done previously" tells us Daniel did not suddenly make changes to his prayer life in order to make his point. How might this situation have been more challenging for Daniel if he had not previously displayed a vibrant and disciplined prayer life?
- In Daniel 6, verses 16 & 20, King Darius references Daniel's God as "your God, whom you serve continually". This was apparently evident in Daniel's life. What might it look like to serve God continually?



Read Acts 4:16-20

- How is the response of Peter and John in persecution similar to Daniel's response in Daniel 6?

b. What application can Christians take from the ways Peter, John, and Daniel handled persecution?
- Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life, yet experienced the most excruciating and undeserved persecution in the Bible. He is our best exemplar. In what ways can Christians model their lives after Jesus as their ultimate example in persecution?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- As Pastor Erin pointed out, in some countries throughout the world, Jesus-followers face serious persecution. What are some tangible things you can do to support these brothers and sisters in Christ?
- Pastor Erin's three key points from Daniel 6:10 were "disciplined, defiant, determined." Which of these three areas do you need to grow in? How do you plan to grow in this area?

MEMORY VERSE

"He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." (Daniel 6:27)

PRAYER

Close in prayer, first for the persecuted church, then for God to give the people of Riverwood a firm faith in Jesus.

