**Anchored: When Hardship Hits**Daniel 1; 2 Kings 23:34-24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:4-10; Jeremiah 22:13-23, 36; Luke 16:10; John 9; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 12; Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 2:10, 3:16; Colossians 3:23

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## **Discussion Guide**

- 1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?
- 2. Have you ever felt pressured to engage in something that didn't feel was right or went against your faith/convictions? What was it? How did you handle it? What happened? Share your story.
- 3. Thinking about our world and culture today, how do people generally view faith in general and specifically Christianity? Are they respectful and honoring of faith and convictions? What leads you to think this? Share your thoughts.
- 4. Before Daniel could influence Babylon, he had to be clear about his identity in the Lord. How clearly do you understand your identity in Christ? What cultural influences or personal experiences have tried to redefine your identity? Share your story.
- 5. Daniel didn't lash out in anger, but respectfully asked for an alternative to stay faithful. How do you usually respond when your values/convictions are challenged or dismissed by others around you? What might one do to stand firm with grace to maintain influence? Share your thoughts.
- 6. God didn't remove Daniel and friends from Babylon—He empowered them to thrive in it. Have you ever been, or are you now, in a difficult situation that might be part of God's bigger purpose for you? How can you be faithful where you are and allow God to use your story to influence others for His glory? Share your thoughts.
- 7. What are some practical steps you need to take this week to be anchored in Jesus and have a faith that stands? Share with the group so we can join you in prayer for this step.
- 8. Take a few minutes to SOAP through one of the passages referenced in the message today. These are found on the top of the notes page. You may want to include verses before/after the passage listed too. Share your insights with the group.

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