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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.*

### GUARDRAILS Week 5

**ICE-BREAKER:** How has the Lord used the Guardrails series to speak into your life? Are there specific changes you have made because of this series?

Have you taken a Christian stand in a non-Christian setting? Share your experience with the group.

In what ways do your Christian beliefs clash with the culture around you?

Have you ever been in a position where you felt pressure to give in and violate your convictions? What happened?

#### READ: Daniel 1

In what ways did Daniel's commitment to God clash with the Babylonian culture? Do you see similarities between Daniel's situation and what we are experiencing in American culture today?

When your loyalty is tested, like Daniel's was, what are you most likely to do?

Why wouldn't Daniel violate his conscience and eat the meat and drink the wine of the Babylonians? What guardrails did he have in place?

In what setting do you need to remember to stand up for your Christian convictions? How might guardrails help?

How can guardrails help direct us and protect us against cultural pressure?

Most of our greatest regrets in life could have been avoided if we had established guardrails. What future regrets can be avoided and how?

Daniel had no idea what hung in the balance when he made his decision not to eat or drink from the king's table. What might hang in the balance in regard to your decision to trust God in the areas of money, relationships, ethics, etc.? Please be as specific as you can?