

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

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Daniel 1

1. The lessons that Daniel learned at home served him well when he was taken into a foreign land. In what ways must we prepare our children to live as God's children in exile?
2. Read Daniel 1:7. Daniel and his friends were given different names when they arrived in Babylon, but they continued to live out their faith. How might the world change us? How can we continue to be faithful even when the world around us changes?
3. Read 1 Chronicles 12:32. How important was it in ancient Israel for people to be able to discern the times and know the direction the country should take? How important is it for us to practice discernment today and know how we should live? How can you grow in discernment?
4. Read Daniel 1:8. The food laws no longer apply to people of the New Covenant (Mark 7:19), but this principle can still apply. What can you do to avoid being "defiled" by the things of the world?
5. There is a popular diet called "The Daniel Plan," which encourages people to follow Daniel's diet to become healthier. According to Daniel 1:9, however the diet was not the primary reason Daniel and his friends were healthy. Why were they thriving in exile? Upon what should you place your hope for thriving in spiritually difficult times and places?
6. Read Daniel 1:17-21. Who gave the four youths "learning and skill?" What does this mean about our role as parents and grandparents? How does Hebrews 12:2 give you hope for the children and young people who are in your life?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize James 1:5. Talk together about how you can pray for and pursue wisdom.