

KEY SCRIPTURES:

[Daniel 5:14, Daniel 6 and 1 Kings 8:46-50](#)

KEY RESOURCE:

Join the new "Immanuel Church Online Community" Facebook Group and/or download the "Read through the New Testament in a Year" Reading and Resource Plan at www.immanuelhome.org.

TALK IT OVER:

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What does your daily routine look like? Are there things you do so often, you don't remember doing them?
- Which of your systems are working well? Which need some work?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Daniel 5:14 and chapter 6.
 - Like Daniel, you have been given gifts and abilities to be used for God's glory and the good of others. What are some of those gifts that you have? How are you using them to glorify God and bless others?
 - What kinds of thoughts do you think may have been racing through Daniel's head when he heard about the king's new law?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read 1 Kings 8:46-50 which is the closing part of King Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple in Jerusalem.
- In Daniel 6:10, it says "Three times a day [Daniel] got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before." Daily prayer was an unbreakable habit for Daniel. Why do you think Daniel developed this habit?
- What spiritual disciplines or habits have you developed that help you stay connected to God?
- What challenges have you faced in developing or maintaining life-giving habits in your life?
- What is specifically challenging for you in developing or maintaining habits centered on prayer and reading Scripture?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

- Father, thank You for Your Word and the examples of people like Daniel, whose lives encourage us to become more like Your Son day after day as we connect with you through Scripture and prayer. Guide and support the next small steps we take. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Discuss as a group how you can support each other as you put new habits and systems into place so that you can glorify God by enjoying him daily through these new habits.