

# DANIEL

THRIVING IN EXILE

## DNA GUIDE

### WEEK 2: LIFE IN EXILE (DANIEL 1:8-21)

#### DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

**Scripture: Daniel 1:3-21**

*QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?*

#### NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

Part of this week's sermon was a series of questions that Pastor Justin gave us to help navigate difficult cultural issues. After reviewing those questions below, talk to each other about an issue that you are facing or have faced and process it in light of the questions. Can you think of an issue that falls into each category for you?

1. Does the Bible explicitly forbid this?
2. Does the Bible promote an idea that is contrary to this?

3. Is this an area where I can take a countercultural stand?

4. Is this the kind of thing God would want for me?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

*QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?*

## **ACT**

**In light of your discussion above, how will you approach the issues you processed?  
How can the members of your DNA support, pray for and hold you accountable?**

*QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?*