

Discussion Questions
The Book of Daniel

1. You might want to begin your discussion time by asking each person or individual about their plans for Thanksgiving. Will they be traveling or staying home? Will they be spending time with family or friends?

Or, you can ask them to share about a special family tradition that they remember from Thanksgiving. Is there a special food that is always included or a special dessert?

2. Daniel was a man of Purpose. Read Daniel chapter 1:1-9. What are some ways that Daniel and his friends refused to compromise when they arrived in Babylon?

What are some ways that we are tempted to compromise our values and beliefs in our lives today? (Work, school, morals, ethics?)

Ask several to share a specific example.

3. In Daniel chapter 3, Daniels three friends refused to bow down and worship the idol. In Daniel Chapter 6, Daniel refused to stop praying three times a day to Jehovah.

What are some lessons we can learn about when we should refuse to compromise our beliefs and values? Can you share an example from your own life?

4. Daniel was also a man of Prayer. Read Daniel chapter 9. In this passage Daniel discovers that Jeremiah predicted that the Babylonian captivity would end in 70 years. He realized that they were near the end of that time. So Daniel prays a remarkable prayer.

What things are included in Daniel's prayer (confession, adoration, etc)?
If you have time, compare Nehemiah's prayer in Nehemiah 1:4-11.

What similarities do you see in the prayers of these two remarkable men?
How can these prayers serve as examples for us today?

5. Daniel was also a man of Prophecy. Daniel records several dreams and visions. If you have time, read chapter 4.

6. In Daniel chapter 4 there is a dream / vision given to Nebuchadnezzar. The king had become proud and arrogant. Daniel predicts that God will humble the King until he acknowledges the God Most High of the Bible. Note: the tree represents King Neb (4:20-22)

Compare other passages that remind us that God humbles the proud and honors the humble - I Peter 5:5-6 / James 4:10 / Matthew 23:12.

What are some ways we may become proud and rely on our own abilities and resources?

What are some ways that God "humbles" us and reminds us to remain dependent on Him?

7. Some of Daniel's prophecies are fulfilled in his lifetime. Some of prophecies are fulfilled in the next few centuries. And, some of Daniel's prophecies will be fulfilled in the future.

(There are many similarities in the book of Revelation)

Fulfilled Bible prophecy gives us confidence in the reliability of the Bible. It also encourages us to live out our faith and motivates us to tell others about Jesus.

Share how Bible prophecy has encouraged you in your faith and life.

Take time to pray for others in your group -