



Sermon: Daniel 1

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Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Compare and contrast the setting and cultural context of Daniel's situation with our own situation. How is life in Babylon similar to life in 21st century Canada?
3. In Daniel 1, do God's people appear to be flourishing or declining? Explain.
4. In what different ways does King Nebuchadnezzar try to assert his authority over God and God's people in Daniel 1?
5. Why does King Nebuchadnezzar take the best of Israel's young people? What does he try to do with them?
6. Read verses 6-7. Why does King Nebuchadnezzar rename these four young men? What do their names signify before and after their renaming?
7. Put yourself in Daniel's shoes. Do you think it would be tempting for Daniel to lose hope in the kingdom of God and embrace the ways of Babel? Explain.



8. How does Daniel resist the temptation toward compromise? What does he do? What does this teach us about his character and commitment to God?

9. What are some examples in our culture of situations in which it would be tempting for Christians to compromise and justify it? How can we, like Daniel, seek to be unflinching and uncompromising when it comes to our commitment to the kingdom of God?

10. How does God preserve his people in this text? In what different ways does God show us that he was in control all along throughout the chapter? How ought this to encourage us?