



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: Daniel 4

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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. It has been a few weeks since we've been in the book of Daniel. Give a brief summary of what has transpired so far in this book.
3. After praising God in verses 1-3, King Nebuchadnezzar recounts a dream that he had in verses 4-18. Read verses 4-5. What effect does this dream have on this powerful, 'prospering' man? What does this teach us about the power of God and the ways in which he can work and afflict his enemies?
4. Compare verses 6-7 with what we've previously studied in Daniel 2:4. What do we learn about these Chaldean officials?
5. Summarize King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in verses 10-17.
6. What does the tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream represent? What connections do you see with the tree in his dream and a passage like Matthew 13:31-32?
7. The tree of Israel had already been cut down, and only a stump remained as the people of God were exiled in Babylon. As they hear about this dream and the power of God in causing a shoot to come up from the stump in the restoration of Babylon, how might God's people have been encouraged? (Hint: See Isaiah 11).

8. What does Daniel do to King Nebuchadnezzar in verse 27 after explaining the dream to him? What can we learn from his example?
  
9. Read verses 17, 25, and 32. What does God want King Nebuchadnezzar to learn? Why is this so important for King Nebuchadnezzar to know and believe?
  
10. God reduced King Nebuchadnezzar to a beast of the field for his failure to look heavenward and acknowledge God. This is what he does to people who fail to acknowledge that he is the Most High who rules the kingdom of men. In what ways do we see this reality on display in our own nation?
  
11. When King Nebuchadnezzar finally looks to heaven and gives God the honour that he is due, what happens? As Christians what ought we to be most fixated on in life?
  
12. As we think about the culture and nation in which we find ourselves, what hope does this chapter provide for us?