



## **SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Mind Your Business – Week 2**

**February 10th and 11th, 2024**

**Speaker: Pastor CJ Johnson**

### **Opening Question**

- Welcome! In this message, we are talking about the pressures of leadership. We all face significant pressure to conform. When in your life have you felt that pressure? When have you handled it well? How have you dealt with it poorly? What would you have done, or can you do differently with the pressure to conform?

### **Open Your Group with Prayer**

- Ask someone to open in prayer and bless your discussion together.

### **Scripture Passages**

- Groups will begin the discussion by reading some of the message's key scriptures aloud. Please assign the following to read: Daniel 1:1-7; Daniel 6:1-28

### **Initial Discussion Question**

- What stood out to you from the sermon? Did you have any initial takeaways from this week's message?

### **Questions from the Message**

- In the story of Daniel, we read about how the Babylonians attempted to conform the exiled servants by changing their names. They tried to relabel their faithfulness as foolishness. How does our society operate similarly to people of Christian faith? How do we maintain appropriate perspective and steadfastness?
- CJ also shared how society has a strategy to tame our faith. But the moment we subscribe to the ways of the culture, we will feel like we are living an unstable life. Our culture's opinions are popular for a moment but quick to vanish. How can we stay anchored to the timeless truth of God's word? How do we stand for truth in a culture where truth is relative and fleeting? How did Daniel model this for us? How can this community help?
- Like Daniel, we are all being tested by our culture. Today, it can be the pressure to put ourselves at the center of our existence. We see how the adversity Daniel faced gave God an opportunity. What felt like persecution for Daniel was the preparation for a promotion. How can we remain faithful in our circumstances? How can we see God's purpose in the face of adversity? How can we support one another in the trials we face to conform?

### **Challenge and Application**

- What is God challenging you to do in response to this discussion? Get practical. What will you do this week?

### **Close Your Group with Prayer**

- Pray together for your application and response points in your discussion as a group. Share any praises, joys, or areas of concern. How can this group be praying for you and your family this week? *(Please ask someone to distribute these via GroupMe, text, or email so you can pray for one another throughout the week.)*