

SERIES: “Running With the Giants”: Week 5

Week 5: Daniel

Take a few moments to check in —

What’s the most exciting or adventurous experience you’ve had with your family?

Discussion Questions:

1. What similarities do you observe between the culture of Daniel’s day and our current culture? What indicators reveal our culture is deteriorating?

2. What qualities or attributes did Daniel possess that you notice and appreciate most? What healthy character qualities would you like to build into your life?

3. How do you see Daniel’s God-oriented worldview shaping the decisions he made? Like Daniel, would people assume you hold a Christian worldview? Why or why not?

4. Read **Romans 12:1-2** together, then discuss:

Why was Paul so passionate about this?

What does Paul indicate is the first thing to do to understand God’s will?

5. Daniel and his friends were young — teenagers at best. Why must we be careful to not overlook the influence of younger, emerging generations?

6. Read **Daniel 6:1-4** together, then discuss:

Daniel was used by God to interpret dreams and exert influence over leaders, which unfortunately led to jealousy and false accusations. However, even as he’s accused some essential character qualities are mentioned — which ones? Further, why is living a life above reproach so important?

7. Read **Daniel 6:10** together, then discuss:

Like Daniel, have you ever had a circumstance where you needed to go against policy, people or a societal norm? What was that like for you? What do you imagine that might have been like for Daniel?

8. What circumstances are you facing (or have you faced) that make you feel like you’ve been thrown into a lion’s den? And be honest — how’s it going with trusting God as you deal with it?

9. Pastor Steve mentioned it several times, and I believe it bears repeating — Daniel was a man of resolve. In other words, he decided “ahead of time” what he would do and how he would respond. Can you think of anything in your life where it might be helpful for you to set your resolve ahead of time?

Wrap Up:

Close in prayer, asking God to help everyone in your group build and strengthen godly character qualities and to help everyone resolve to serve and honor him no matter what comes their way.