



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

HERO | August 18, 2019 | Daniel Chapter 6.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." —Hebrews 11:1

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Daniel Chapter 6. Take some time to remember and survey what God has done through Daniel's life in Chapters 1-5. Compare and contrast the situation in Daniel Chapter 6 with what happens to Daniel's friends in chapter 3.
- In your own words, from a 30 thousand foot level: How does God appear to be at work in the time of this exile? Try to summarize God's working in a sentence or two.

FROM THE SERMON

- From the sermon, the question was asked: At your workplace, school, or home, would the others around you say: "We cannot find any ground for complaint against them unless we find it in connection with the law of their God..."(v.5)? Have you ever known anyone else that this description described? If so, who was it and what set them apart?
- The name Daniel, in Hebrew means: "God is my judge." How do you see the meaning of Daniel's name carried out in the story? How does the phrase "God is my judge" play itself out in our lives and those who know Christ? What connections can be made here to the Gospel?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- It should be noted that Daniel knew there would be negative repercussions for continuing to bow down and worship Yahweh in his room—but he did it anyway. Are we prepared to take a stand for God like this? Daniel met and prayed to God 3 times per day. Would the others around us (neighbors, co-workers, family members, etc.) even be able to accuse us of believing in Jesus by the way we spend our time and live day to day?
- In what ways do you need to take an action step to "own" your faith in Christ publicly? Is the spiritual practice of meeting with God daily, something you prioritize? How can the group encourage you and support you in keeping this time set apart?

PRAYER FOCUS

- 1) Confess our sin of fearing people. What they might think of us, or do to us.
- 2) Pray for boldness. Not in ourselves, but in God alone. In Jesus, our life is secure.
- 3) Ask for breakthrough. That the way we conduct our lives would bring many others to salvation in God!