

Behind the Scenes

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Opener

Tell us about a time in your life when your world was suddenly turned upside down. How did you respond to it?

Read

Philippians 3:20

John 15:18-20

Daniel 1

Engaging with God in a Group

1. Take a time to read the above scriptures out loud in your group.
2. Discuss your thoughts about the comparison of Daniel and his friends being in exile in Babylon with Christians being in exile in America today?
3. What did you think about the severe changes Daniel and his friends had to go through when they were thrust into Babylon? How have you experienced change like that in your life?
4. How might we expect Daniel and his friends to respond to these radical changes in their lives? What instead made them choose to respond in the ways they did, even under such pressure to conform?
5. In what way(s) are you in need of God's peace in your life to sustain you during current pressures you are experiencing?

Closing Thoughts/Prayer

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Ask your group to break into smaller clusters of people. Encourage one another by praying for the person seated to your right.

Homework

This week, read through the chapters of the book of Daniel keeping in mind the narrative arc and paying close attention to the part of the story between the climax and the resolution. How do we, as God's people, live until the resolution comes?

