

Daniel: Clinging to God in a Godless World

Lesson 1: Standing Firm and Speaking Truth

Daniel 1-2



At your table discuss some challenges that you have faced living as a Christian in today's world. Try to come up with a list of at least three. In a few minutes we'll come together and share your results.

Summary of Daniel 1:1-7



Read Daniel 1:8-16

Work through the next three questions with the people at your table. Spend most of your time on the “Apply” question at the end and be ready to discuss with the rest of the group.

1. Skim through Leviticus 11. Why do you think Daniel refused to eat the royal food? What does that show us about Daniel’s priorities?
2. List some reasons why Daniel’s approach with the guard was wise and tactful.
3. Apply: You were recently hired at a new job where your boss and coworkers are not Christians. Your boss expects you to work Sunday mornings like everyone else and doesn’t care about your church or Bible study attendance. How might you use a Daniel approach to get Sunday mornings off?

Read Daniel 1:17-21

4. Agree or Disagree? It is wrong for a Christian to work for a company or country whose values are clearly not in line with the Bible.

Summary of Daniel 2:1-13



Read Daniel 2:14-23

5. What were some steps Daniel took to try to save the lives of all the king's advisors?
6. Agree or Disagree? Christians should expect God to do miracles for them.

Read Daniel 2:24-45

7. What does Daniel make very clear to King Nebuchadnezzar before he interpreted the dream?
8. Apply: What are some ways a Christian today can glorify God in the eyes of unbelievers?

Read Daniel 2:46-49

9. Is King Nebuchadnezzar a believer now? Defend your answer. (Keep pondering this question as we go along in the book.)
10. Agree or Disagree? Christians who stand firm and speak truth will be rewarded.

