

Daniel: Clinging to God in a Godless World

Lesson 4: Praying and Praising Through Persecution

Daniel 6

Read Daniel 6:1-18

1. In what ways was Daniel being persecuted?
2. What are some examples of what this kind of persecution might look like today?
3. What do you think about Daniel's reaction to the unfair decree?
4. What are some words you would use to describe Daniel's prayer life?



Read Daniel 6:19-28

5. Was Daniel confident because he prayed regularly? Or did he pray regularly because he was confident?
6. Some people would say that God rescued Daniel because Daniel was faithful to him. What are some reasons we would not be comfortable saying this?
7. What blessings resulted from Daniel's commitment to daily making time to talk with God?

Apply!

Take three minutes by yourself to think about your own personal devotional and prayer life. Jot down some notes about some ways you might improve it. Try to be as specific as possible. Here are a few questions you could ask yourself to jumpstart your reflection:

When will I do it?

How often will I do it?

What will my format be? (e.g. Will I read a section of the Bible first and then pray? Will I follow a Bible reading plan or create my own? Etc.)

Will I do it alone or with someone else?

Once you have at least a rough idea of what you want your personal devotional and prayer life to look like, compare your plan to the plans of the people at your table. Choose one of your table's plans to share with the rest of the group so we can all get some ideas of what a good devotional plan might look like.

